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Petition set up to save city's public toilets

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A PETITION has been launched in a bid to save half of Ely's public toilets from closing – a decision which looks set to happen next week.

Local Lib Dems have spearheaded the petition, insisting that closing the public loos in Barton Road, Newnham Street and Sacrist Gate will have a detrimental effect on the elderly, those with disabilities – and tourism.

But despite people's pleas, district councillors are still recommended to approve the closures when they meet on March 15.

The closures would leave Ely with just three public toilets – Palace Green, Ship Lane and The Cloisters.

City of Ely Councillor Alison Whelan, a member of the Ely Lib Dem Focus Team, said: "These proposals were recommended without any consideration of the impact on less able members of the public.

"The less mobile, carers, families, those with health issues, taking medication, the disabled, those with special needs, the aged... will be adversely impacted.

"It is easy to say there are other facilities that people can use, but the reality for many is that the distance between Barton Road and The Cloisters is not achievable."

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Last year, the council considered charging people 20p to use the toilets, but they were dropped after the majority of residents consulted said they would not be willing to pay. The authority says the loos cost over £200,000 a year to run and maintain.

In her report, Emma Grima, director of commercial and corporate services at the district council, said the equality impact assessment considered "showed there would be a small impact on differentiated groups of society".

But she added: "However, there remains sufficient provision of public conveniences with accessible facilities that would mitigate this impact and therefore the impact is not adverse."

The council also owns public toilets in Littleport, Soham, Burwell and Fordham.

The loos in Fordham are earmarked for closure and it looks like parish and town councils in Littleport, Burwell and Soham will be asked to pay an annual sum if they do not want their toilets to close.

To sign the petition, visit signme.org.uk/1178.

THERE were fictional characters in every corner of the county last Thursday as schools and organisations entered into the spirit of World Book Day.
And 2-year-old Makenzie Jeffries, pictured here, made a very convincing *Cat in the Hat,* from Dr Seuss, for an event at Ely Library.

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COMMUNITY

'Pay more for wardens or lose them': Sanctuary

ANGRY: Susan Griggs pictured with her son, Nick, near their garage in Queensway, Soham.

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WARDENS at retirement schemes run by the Sanctuary Group face the axe – unless residents agree to pay more to keep them.

Sanctuary says its schemes across the UK will be affected following the Government's decision to withdraw its Supporting People funding, which pays for warden services and pull cord alarms for all residents – most of whom are elderly or vulnerable.

Many residents say they are "worried sick" – and Ely's Mayor, Lis Every, says she is "really concerned".

Many Sanctuary residents have also received letters telling them that the cost of renting a garage is going up.

Some residents in Bell Holt, Ely, face a 50 per cent rise, and in Queensway, Soham, residents, including Susan Griggs, have been told theirs is rising by over 60 per cent.

Mrs Griggs, who lives with her husband, Danny, and autistic son, Nick, 24, said: "The rent for my garage is currently £8.40 a week and soon it's going to be £13.95 a week. That's a rise of over 60 per cent – it's pure greed.

"I've been in touch with the district council and Cheffins, who have both told me they charge less than that for garage rentals."

Mrs Griggs, who runs The Hair Shop in Wicken, said: "All Sanctuary does is take, take, take – I've had my garage for 29 years and can't remember the last time they came out to paint the door."

In response, a Sanctuary Group spokeswoman said: "This is the first time we have reviewed rates for garage rentals, taking into account local private competitor's rates in the surrounding market. The increases are to help bring costs more in line with the average for the area."

John Harnwell, 87, is one of the Bell Holt residents affected by both the garage rental increases and the potential loss of his warden. He said: "We're all worried sick. There are more than 80 of us living in Bell Holt and if just one of us decides they can't afford to pay to keep the warden services, then they'll go in April.

"It's not right that people our age are put in situations like this. Sanctuary are spending less and less on us, but demanding more and more money."

Cllr Every says she has met with Sanctuary to discuss the potential loss of wardens. She said: "I'm really concerned. If there are six or seven residents then it's easier for them to agree on whether to pay to keep their warden. But in Bell Holt, just as an example, it's almost impossible for all 80-odd residents to agree.

"When residents signed up to live in Sanctuary accommodation they signed up to the care and social activities which come with having a warden. It worries me that vulnerable residents are going to be left isolated."

A spokeswoman for Sanctuary said: "This is not something Sanctuary has sought or would wish to happen, but as the funding of the service has been withdrawn we needed to make some difficult choices.

"We have agreed to cover the costs of the pull cord alarm system for our residents which connects them to an emergency contact centre 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, and we expect this to cost us about £1 million annually.

"We sympathise with residents and want to reassure them that it will be a number of months before any changes take effect."

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CRIME

Thieves steal summerhouse worth £3k from Littleport firm

A SUMMERHOUSE worth £3,000 has been stolen from a business in Littleport.

Balaclava-clad thieves cut through a chained gate at Littleport Timber Buildings, based on the Saxon Business Park, overnight last Tuesday.

The thieves spent five hours dismantling the large summerhouse before driving off with it on the back of a trailer attached to a Mitsubishi Pajero or similar vehicle.

Jack Elsegood, owner of the firm, said: "We got them on the CCTV cameras but they all had balaclavas on and hoods up. They spent five hours dismantling the summerhouse before towing it away.

"It's gut-wrenching. This is the third time we've been targeted since last February. I'd say we're around £18,000 out of pocket since then. So much work goes into what we make, which is what makes it so frustrating."

Police are urging anyone with information to call them on 101.

Mayor's Ball raises £4,000

THE Mayor of Ely's Spring Ball raised around £4,000 to support local volunteers.

More than 140 people joined Cllr Lis Every for her event at The Maltings on Saturday night.

The ball featured a four-course meal provided by Housdens Catering, dancing to local band, Decades, and an auction of prizes donated by local businesses and people, hosted by local TV auctioneer David Palmer.

Cllr Every said: "I am always amazed by people's generosity.

"People have said the event went very well."

The proceeds are going to Voluntary and Community Action for East Cambridgeshire.

PARTY TIME: Mayor Lis Every with her husband Colin, and MP Lucy Frazer and her husband David

NEWS IN BRIEF

Grab your treasures

RESIDENTS can get their antiques valued in Ely next week.

Batemans are holding a free valuation event at the Babylon Gallery, in Waterside, on Thursday, March 17.

Running from 12-4pm, people will be able to get their art, antiques and collectables valued by experts.

Call (01353) 616995 for more.

Victoria wins our hamper competition

VICTORIA Higham was the winner of our Waitrose Mother's Day hamper competition.

Of nearly 200 entries, Victoria's was picked at random.

On the catwalk . . .

LITTLE Downham's annual cat show is this Saturday.

The show, organised by Ely and District Cats Protection, is at the village hall, and pedigree and non-pedigree felines are welcome.

The show is open to the public from 11am-3.30pm and admission is £1. There will also be stalls and cats looking for homes. For entry details, call (01353) 699430.

EDUCATION

Trust says no to academies

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A TRUST has pulled out of sponsoring the multi-million pound new Littleport Academy.

The construction of Cambridgeshire County Council's £37.5 million new education and leisure complex in the town is under way and, once complete, the scheme will boast an early years school, a primary school, a three-storey secondary school, a special needs school, and a new community leisure facility.

But members of the county council's children and young people committee heard on Tuesday that the Greenwood Dale Foundation Trust (GDFT) has withdrawn its sponsorship.

In a letter to the council, the trust's chief executive said the only way it could continue to sponsor the Littleport Academy and Special School Academy was if the council "reconsiders its position in relation to the leasing arrangements for the leisure centre and associated sports facilities, granting the GDFT the long term lease".

The GDFT said it would then have granted a sub-lease to the parish council or leisure trust. The CEO added: "We do wish to find a way forward for the project but cannot place ourselves in a position where, because of lease arrangements, we are unable to safeguard pupils on the site."

In his report to committee members, Ian Trafford, the council's executive director for children, families and adults services, said: "This is a view not shared by council officers, as risks have been mitigated through design based on experience of the widespread joint provision and dual use models that have been operating throughout the county on secondary school sites.

"In Linton, where the Granta Special School is co-located with Linton Village College, a community sports centre also successfully operates from the site.

"Wider access to a range of community education courses and activities are also provided on this site in accordance with the Henry Morris Village College principles. In addition, a number of schools in Cambridgeshire have shared use arrangements with local sports and leisure facilities."

He added: "Irrespective of the merits of the argument, the council is not in a position to offer GDFT what it has demanded."

The committee has approved the Active Learning Trust (ALT) – the trust which will be operating the new Isle of Ely Primary School – as the new preferred sponsor and the Secretary of State for Education will now be informed for the final decision to be made.

The council insists both Littleport Academy and the Special School Academy are on track to open in time for September 2017.

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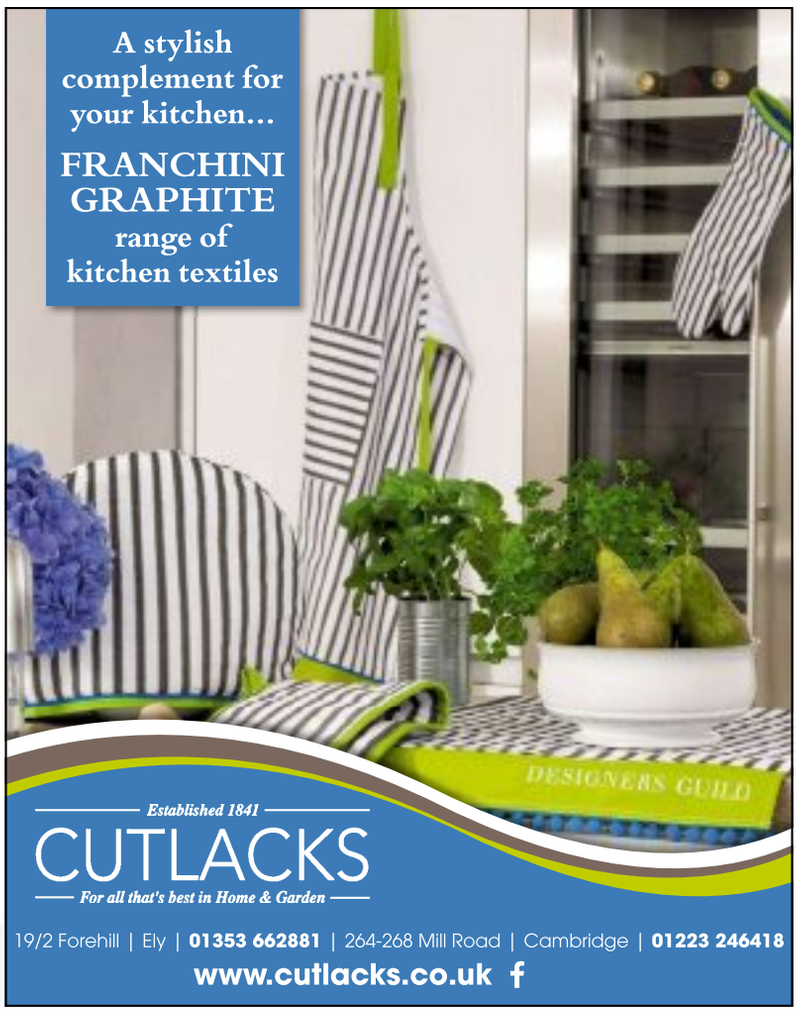

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INVESTIGATION

'Asbestos was present in fire'

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HAZARDOUS asbestos materials were burnt on a fire near homes in Witchford, tests have confirmed.

Angry villagers contacted East Cambridgeshire District Council (ECDC) – and the *Ely News* – last month to say that they believed asbestos was being burnt on land in Marroway Lane.

As previously reported, the council and the land's owner, Paul Robinson, said tests were being carried out to find out whether any asbetos materials were present.

The tests have confirmed that asbestos was present.

Karen See, senior environmental health officer at ECDC, said: "We received the test results back on March 3. The results were positive for the commonly used corrugated building material containing cement bonded asbestos.

"Although we cannot be sure of the number of sheets that had been on the site, it seems likely that there were only about four to six sheets of this material that could have potentially been burnt.

"We can also confirm that the owner's test results concur with ours. The other agencies we have been liaising with, namely the Environment Agency and the Health and Safety Executive, have been notified."

Mr Robinson secured permission to change the use of the land into paddocks for horses in January. He then got workmen in to start clearing the site and the fire was lit on February 18.

Environmental health officers from the council attended the site on February 24 following complaints from residents.

Ms See said: "Our focus is that the site is properly cleared of any material of this nature. A company licensed by the Environment Agency for removal of such material has been employed to do this work.

"Officers will be contacting the nearest neighbouring properties to undertake final checks for the presence of any remaining debris. We are satisfied that all appropriate measures are now being taken.

"We would like to assure residents that we are in regular contact with the relevant people involved. We are confident that all the correct measures are now being taken, however we still advise people to stay off the site."

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GETTING CREATIVE: The new Youth Acts Up! group is running at Little Downham Village Hall on Saturday mornings.

Chance for kids to learn new skills

A NEW children's musical theatre and drama group has been launched in Little Downham.

Little Downham Youth Group, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary, is running Youth Acts Up! at the village hall every Saturday from 10am-12pm.

Carol Hebbard, from the group, said: "Our aim is to have lots of fun. If your child doesn't want to sing or dance, they don't have to.

"The group is for children who love acting, singing, dancing, photography, film editing, playing an instrument – there's something for every child.

"Initially we will be working towards a mini show to perform in front of parents and friends."

Email carol@hebbard3d.com to find out more.

CRIME

Man, 68, charged with pub burglary

A PENSIONER has been charged with burglary at a pub in Ely.

William Batchelor, 68, of Vera Lynn Close, Forest Gate, is charged with thefts at five pubs in Cambridgeshire, Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire between September and February, including The King's Arms in Ely on January 8.

He is also charged with possession of cannabis and is on bail to attend Stevenage Magistrates' Court on April 6.

Children and teachers have fun to mark World Book Day

THE Mad Hatter, Cinderella and Mr Men were just some of the colourful characters spotted in the Ely area as schools went the extra mile to celebrate World Book Day.

Pupils – and many teachers – donned their finest fancy dress in honour of their literary heroes as the popular event returned last Thursday for another year.

The aim of the initiative is to get children excited about reading and families in East Cambs got into the spirit.

Teachers at Spring Meadow Infant and Nursery School in Ely chose to be characters from Alice in Wonderland for the day, while staff at Ely's Lantern Community Primary School were characters from the ever-popular Mr Men and Little Miss books.

Kadie Pullin, a member of staff at the school, said: "We had over 30 staff dressed as various characters from the Mr Men and Little Miss books and the kids loved it! They spent lots of time trying to guess which ones we all were."

The costumes were just as imaginative at a World Book Day event at Ely Library.

Sue Smith, Cambridgeshire's local facilitator for the Professional Association for Childcare and Early Years, organised the event, which saw 38 children and 12 childminders enjoying storytelling and a letter trail.

BOOKWORMS: Main picture: Childminders and little ones at Ely Library, including above, from left, Iona Milae, 1, and Shiloh Morris, 2. Above right: Alfie Mack, a pupil at Lantern Primary School, as Thing 2.
BELOW: Left: Jack Farrington, a pupil at Glebelands Primary School, as 'The dinosaur that pooped the past' and right: Brothers George, Connor and Theo Hughes, Lantern Primary pupils, dressed as Robin, James Bond and Rob Roy.

SMILES: Above: Bella Pruitt, aged 9 months, at the Ely Library event dressed as Little Red Riding Hood.

Above left: Staff at Ely's Lantern Primary School dressed as characters from the Mr Men and Little Miss Books.

Bottom left: Staff at Spring Meadow Infant and Nursery School in their Alice in Wonderland costumes.

CRIME

Pupils trash seats on coach

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AN investigation is underway after seats on a school bus were vandalised during a 10-minute journey.

Richard Grey, managing director of Greys of Ely, is angry after two seats on his coach were badly ripped and litter was left strewn all over the vehicle.

The incident happened last Wednesday afternoon.

Mr Grey refused to name the school involved but said its staff had been "fantastic" about trying to find who was responsible.

Both Cambridgeshire Police and Cambridgeshire County Council are investigating the incident too.

Speaking to the *Ely News*, Mr Grey said: "We were shocked when we saw the state of the coach. Two seats at the back had been wrecked and there was litter everywhere.

"The driver brought the vehicle straight back to the depot, which meant it was off the road for the rest of the afternoon and other vehicles had to be sent out to collect pupils from other schools.

"The damage to the coach was between £60 to £100, but it's not just that, it's also the cost of loss of use whilst being repaired, and to my staff and the staff at the school, the police and the council to try and sort this out."

Mr Grey said similar incidents happen "a few times a year".

He said: "The majority of pupils are respectful and no trouble at all, but this sort of thing does happen a few times a year.

"Most of our coaches have CCTV but this vehicle doesn't. Mind you, when we've had damage like this before on a coach with CCTV cameras we've shown the footage to the parents of those responsible and they've still denied that it was their child.

"People, and in particular parents, need to realise that the law allows coach companies and councils to press criminal damage charges now.

"If that's what the company, council or police feel is right they can do it, or they can ask for the culprit to pay for the repairs.

"The council also has the power to remove a child's bus pass. The school has been fantastic in trying to get to the bottom of who was responsible."

Both the county council and the police confirm an investigation is taking place.

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This is no good for tourism

WHILE doing the early morning dog walking in Ely's pocket park each person I spoke to knew about the desecration of the medievel pathway.
I bring tourists to Ely and take people along this walk while talking of its history, myself and others are very upset at the savage heavy-handed cutting back of this ancient path.
Ely is rich in its Ley lines and to many Pagans this path is a sacred place.
China has refused to officially nominate Ely as a place of interest to visit, due to the awful 60s buildings in the town square, this very week China has said there will be no more what it called New world Order buildings, it cites buildings like a teapot or a pair of trousers,
and no modern art statues in China, they have already made fun of our modern town buildings.
When all we have is tourism, surely some thought should go into it before medieval paths of town buildings are demolished.
This has been the talking point for Elys doggie mafia.
Brian Mitchell
High Barns
Ely

What guidance did they have?

The council, in an attempt to justify the destructive nature of the work carried out in Spinghead Lane, state that "the work that it has carried out has had the full agreement of English Nature".
If this Is true, was there any guidance given to the contractor as to the extent of the clearance?
The path clearly met the recommendations for width and the surface was good to walk on.
Add to this the opportunities for gathering blackberries and sloes and bird watching, all of which have been damaged or destroyed, at least in the medium term.
It seems to me that the so-called 'spokesman' for the council did not have first-hand knowledge of Springhead lane, surely an essential requirement for making decisions which affect the general public .
Roy Payne
Cardinals Way
Ely

I felt close to God there

I HAVE walked this lane for 15 years, it's the only place in my lifetime of living in the countryside that I have seen a metre long grass snake, a stoat catch a rabbit, and watched the Marsh Harrier. Why is it always hacked back in the spring, when the ivy shelters the nesting wrens and frogs spawn in those shallow brackish ditches?
I always felt as near to God walking through the arching trees as I have walking down the Nave of our beautiful Cathedral; instead of the human choir you had Gods' own choir, the birds. Anybody who has walked quietly down that lane will hate what the vandals have done to it.
Patricia Trow
Broad Street
Ely

QUEEN OF BAKING:
Mary Berry was in Ely to talk to fans about her new book
PICTURES: Richard Patterson

Berry nice to see you, Mary!

QUEEN of baking, Mary Berry CBE, was full of smiles when she visited Ely.
The doyenne of *The Great British Bake Off* visited the city on Friday to talk about her latest book, *Foolproof Cooking* – and enjoy a slice of cake with fans.
A total of 250 people packed inside St Mary's Church for the event, which was organised by Toppings and Company Booksellers.
Mary, who has published more than 75 cookery books, talked about her book, her life and her love of cooking and baking with the audience. She also signed copies of *Foolproof Cooking* and posed with fans for photographs.
Tickets for the event sold out within 12 hours of them being released, which led to Toppings organising a second event.
Richard Osborn, a bookseller at Toppings, said: "The response to Mary's visit was huge. The church has a capacity of 250 people and all 250 tickets sold within 12 hours.
"A lot of people were left disappointed so we managed to get Mary to stay in Ely for a little longer than originally planned.
"The second event, held after her talk, was a booksigning, and was attended by a further 100 fans. Our manager, Stuart Havis, baked some cakes for the event, which went down well with the audience."

You should be ashamed

ONE of the great joys in life is to walk along the pleasant paths of nature, as exemplified by the works of that quintessential Englishman, William Wordsworth; it is a pleasure that is almost unique to our nation.
It does not have to be across towering peaks or through vast wildernesses; a leafy glade or green lane may suffice for a short stroll to release the stresses of our humdrum lives and bring a note of tranquility to our inner selves.
Such could have been achieved, until now, in Springhead Lane in the environs of this lovely city of Ely.
If any of those worthy officers of Cambridgeshire County Council had taken a walk through this arcade of shady foliage last summer, and repeated it this week, they would surely have acused the perpetrators of vandalism; they would have called in the local constabulary to investigate the who, when and why of the crime.
Would they have fallen on their own swords? And who are English Nature that they have so little regard for English nature?
Having walked through woods and forests across the breadth of Britain, I have often seen marks on occasional trees designated to be removed because they are deseased, or in order to enable stronger growth

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among its surroundings. It is hard to believe that this was done in this case, since the destruction is so unselective.
This haven for wildlife, and local residents, has been wantonly destroyed; for what purpose?
You have made ugly a thing of beauty; you should be ashamed.
Adrian Wright
Henley Way
Ely

Excellent work, council!

THERE was a story in the paper last week about cutting trees, shrubs and bramble along sections of Springhead Lane in Ely where it passes through Ely Country Park.
That's funny I thought to myself, to me it has always seemed overgrown and gloomy and not an encouragement to walk further into the park towards Roswell Pits. With the article and my thoughts in mind I went for a look on Friday with the sun streaming down.
I wandered into the park and then went down Springhead Lane itself. I stopped, looked round and was left speechless, all I can say is what's all the fuss about – it looks marvellous. It's really opened it up and it needed it.
Sure it's open now but this summer it's going to be full of young plant growth from plants along the edges of the path and regrowth on the cut tree and shrub stems.
Birds, animals and insects are going to love it and it will feel nicer to walk along, perhaps encouraging people to walk further and explore the rest of the site, if they are lucky they might see the Kingfishers I did. Well done council.
Malcolm Busby
Mill Close
Burwell

They've done a good job

I WRITE in defence of the recent clearing of Springhead Lane in Ely. Anyone who knows anything about nature will be aware that pruning and cutting back will promote new and vigorous growth.
The lane was overgrown with brambles and the ivy covered trees in danger of falling onto the path. I walk down the lane on an almost daily basis and the people I meet on my walks are in favour of the work that has been done.
I would like to point out that the "before" and "after" photos shown on the front page of the *Ely News* hardly painted an accurate picture – one was taken in the summer and one in the winter!
In recent days I have seen wrens, sparrows and blackbirds all enjoying the newly exposed ground in their search for food.
The fact that the work had the approval of English Nature surely implies that the Council and company who carried out the work were sensitive in their approach.
Lynne Morris
Lynn Road
Ely

Your pictures

SUNSET: Chloe Brown, from Mulberry Way, Ely, captured this stunning image of Ely Cathedral last month from the bridge at Roswell Pits.

We love to see your pictures. Send them in JPEG format marked 'Your Pictures' to wendy.davey@cambridge-news.co.uk. Please add your name, address and daytime telephone number, where you took the photo and, if possible, a picture of yourself! We reserve the right to reuse pictures at our discretion.

Please tell us what's going on

ON arriving at school, the pupils were appalled to see that the hedge and trees in the car park had been cut back to inches above ground level, with no prior warning or explanation. These rows of mature trees were just not there anymore. No wonder the children were concerned, having been taught how important trees are to all of us.
Upon further investigation, it seems that the destruction was caused by the stage being set for the Eastern Gateway Approach Road. This is intended to serve one of the new mixed developments in Soham, which is part of the Local Development Plan; the plan was drawn up a few years ago by East Cambs District Council, amid much "Consultation" with the local community.
It showed three slightly different developments all covering the same area of allotment and farmland, with densities of housing 35-45 dwellings per hectare.
ECDC's definition of "consultation" must be different from mine, as it just seems to mean that they told the community what they intended to do, and did not act on comments received. I am not aware of which, if any, of the 3 options they settled for, nor whether their choice was publicised.
Children are not dropped off, they are escorted into the playground, so traffic will be held up by cars parked along the approach road, and along nearby streets just as they are now. Any so-called "dropping-off" areas will be taken up by short-term parking, not fleeting "drop-offs".
Much extra traffic will be generated both by the influx of vehicles from the bypass, and from the new higher-density housing developments on the former allotments and adjoining farmland. Parents from the new development will not always walk their children to schoo... they will park along the road like all the other drivers.
Those parents and children walking from the established northern area will have to cross this busy road to get to the school. Have any plans been drawn up for a pelican crossing?
With the expansion of the town, safe walking and cycling routes to school should be a priority. At present, the route along the back of the school provides a traffic-free access to the back gate. What will happen to that when the playing field is re-sited?
Presently, many cars park in the roads at the back of the school, so can we expect further traffic jams and jostling for parking spaces in this area too. Local residents are already fed up with the situation.
Then there is the increase in exhaust fumes which must be expected from this extra traffic.
As you can see, from my limited viewpoint, the detail of the proposed development is still an unknown quantity. The maps from the consultation period are vague at best. Why have we not been shown the latest plans to prepare us for the changes to come?
No doubt the "great and good" know all about it, but we at the bottom of the food chain are left wondering.
The answers to all the above questions must be made public before any further action is taken to develop this part of Soham, in order to reassure the townspeople that they will not subjected to the kind of incompetence which has been a feature of previous developments.
I cannot be alone in my misgivings about the whole ECDC expansion plan, especially now that the prospect of a new station in the town seems virtually non-existent.
Has no no-one thought of the effect that the development will have on our ancient commons? This concrete and Tarmac idyll is to be squeezed in between two areas of precious wildlife habitat, namely Qua Fen and East Fen Commons. They are in danger of being swamped by these developments.
J Metcalfe
Brewhouse Lane
Soham

It's not right for our city

THIS second proposal for the Market Place building replacement by Rannerlow Ltd is totally unsuited to Ely general architectural outlook.
Let's not repeat mistake after mistake. Firstly when the Corn Exchange was pulled down and replaced by an ugly modern building, secondly, and more recently, when the first plan was submitted with the sole pursued priority of accommodating as many flats as possible for the most profitable return. We now have a building designed by a 'technical illustrator', not an architect, which would be more suited to one of the Costa Brava's resorts, displaying corner balconies to soak in the sun which as we all know is not Ely's main tourist attraction!
Why didn't Rannerlow Ltd seek an experienced architect, with a track record of producing award-winning designs for small English market town centres? Fortunately this is not too late and a competition can still be organised to find out a suitable creative architect.
Hopefully we would end up with a building in harmony with the cathedral surroundings, of which we are all so proud.
It does not have to be a copy of old but needs to discreetly blend with the rest of the medieval town, using new material to take most advantage of clean lines, light and colour.
Ely's Market Place is the heart of our city and should be a place where people enjoy walking, meeting, shopping and relaxing.
To this effect a few cafés or brasserie type restaurants could be accommodated with sheltered outside sitting areas as the ones everybody enjoys in such places as Covent Garden or on the continent.
Let's make the most of this great opportunity to improve Ely for the enjoyment of all.
Odette Grey
Address withheld

'In' vote: I'm not convinced

I attended the 'European Union In or Out?' debate, that took place at Ely Cathedral on Thursday evening.
There was a Eurovision vote stylee, and I wondered what the great Sir Terry Wogan would think of it all, looking down from the heavens.
I chose not to vote, as I knew that the outcome was obvious, but I feel the IN campaign, will need to be more convincing and talk about how staying in will benefit future generations.
But to leave in good sprit, the event was well attended and Ely Cathedral Business Group did a grand job in truth, and thanks to Stuart Agnew MEP, who was the only candidate to mention what a great Cathedral, Ely has been blessed with.
Cllr Daniel Divine
County Councillor, UKIP
Littleport

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Engagements

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ZOE SANIGAR and BRETT STEPHENSON

on your engagement, 28th February, 2016. Love from Mum, Kelvin, Adam and Andrew

x x x

Thanks

Thank you

Barry ALDRIDGE

Sue, Amanda, Tracey and family of the late Barry would like to thank everyone for the generous donations received for Soham Lodge Residents Fund. The total amount is £1,193.10

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Deaths

BRUMBY Jenny

of Ely, passed away peacefully in Arthur Rank Hospice, Cambridge on Friday 26th February 2016 aged 71 years.

Beloved wife of the late Keith, loving mum of Dale.

Funeral Service At St Mary's Church, Ely on Friday 11th March 2016 a 10.30am followed by interment in Ely Cemetery.

Flowers or donations for Arthur Rank Hospice Charity may be left at the service or sent to

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PEARCE Margery nee Dewey

Late of Sutton passed away at Coventry Hospital March 5th 2016 aged 94yrs.

Deaths

TEBBIT Barbara

On 27th February 2016 peacefully at Cottenham Court Care Home

Reunited with her beloved husband Sir Donald Tebbit GCMG, daughter Lydia and her brothers and sisters. A dear mother, grandmother, aunt and friend.

The Committal Service will be held at Cambridge City Crematorium (East Chapel) on Monday 14th March 2016 at 12.15pm followed by a Service of Thanksgiving at Ely Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Ely, Cambs CB6 1AD at 2.00pm.

Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, for the Multiple Sclerosis Society may be left at the service or sent to Ely Funeral Service, 4 Tower Road, Ely, Cambs CB7 4HW Tel: 01353 666566

Acknowledgements

BROWN Maureen

Tom, Philip, Sharon and Jean wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for the many cards and expressions of sympathy following their recent sad loss.

Grateful thanks to everyone who attended the funeral service, the presence of so many of Maureen's friends was very moving.

Special thanks to the Royal British Legion and Parachute Regiment Association. Gratitude to the staff of Ward R2, Addenbrooke's Hospital.

Sincere thanks to the Reverend Marian Raikes for the most fitting service and our most grateful thanks to Reg and staff at C. E. Fuller & Co., Soham for a personal service of the highest standard.

Finally, thank you for the amazing amount of donations in Maureen's memory to the Lewin Stroke Ward.

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In Memoriam

CONVINE Frank

In loving memory of my dear husband who passed away 9th March, 2015. Always in my thoughts. Until we meet again, Lots of love from Dot

x x x

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In Memoriam

CONVINE Frank

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TIDY UP: The parish council says the litter-pick was a great success. Picture: Richard Patterson.

Village clean-up

RAIN failed to dampen villagers' community spirit in Sutton on Saturday.

Residents of all ages and from all walks of life donned their waterproofs to help out with the village's Clean For The Queen mass litter-pick – organised by the parish council.

The campaign is calling on communities across the UK to tidy their neighbourhoods ahead of Her Majesty's 90th birthday in April. Visit cleanforthequeen.co.uk.

TRANSPORT

How can local transport links be improved?

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

RESIDENTS and organisations are being urged to speak up about how transport can be improved in East Cambridgeshire.

Cambridgeshire County Council is currently consulting on the draft Transport Strategy for East Cambridgeshire.

Cllr Ian Bates, chairman of the county council's economy and environment committee, said: "The draft strategy looks at ways we can improve accessibility for communities, especially for residents living in more rural parts of the district, while balancing the capacity of the current infrastructure. The aim is to balance the needs of the public with what it is possible to deliver.

"This consultation gives all members of the public who live, work and travel through East Cambridgeshire the chance to comment on the strategy – its policies and proposed improvements."

Public consultation events are being held at The Glebe in Sutton on Thursday, March 10; Littleport Village Hall on Monday, March 14; Soham's Walter Gidney Pavilion on Tuesday, March 15; and at the Ely Cathedral Centre on Tuesday, March 22 – all from 3-7pm.

Questionnaires are also available at local libraries or at cambridgeshire.gov.uk/TSEC until April 8.

FUNDRAISING

Sport Relief event

A SERIES of exercise classes will be raising funds for Sport Relief this Sunday.

The classes are being held at Ely's Paradise Centre from 10.15am and will last for approximately three hours.

Residents of all ages are invited to join in for as long as they like in return for a £10 donation. Call (01353) 667580 to find out more.

FUNDRAISING

Appeal after thieves wreck wife and sick husband's car

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A WOMAN who cares for her sick husband is devastated after thieves broke into her car and caused so much damage that it had to be scrapped.

Julie Linney, 58, and her husband, Gerry, 65, who has advanced Alzheimer's, are now without a vehicle and struggling to get from A to B, including hospital appointments for Gerry.

The couple, from Sutton, were visiting their daughter, Natalie Linney, and her children, on February 20 at their home in Elmside, Littleport, when their silver Peugeot 206 was one of three cars broken into in the car park.

The cars were targeted between 8.30pm and 9.30pm.

Natalie said: "The thieves smashed the back window so that they could unlock the car. They then tried to hot-wire it, which caused a lot of damage to the steering column.

"The insurance company told us that the damage to the steering column would cost more to fix then the value of the car so it has now sadly been scrapped and mum is without a vehicle."

SELFLESS: Julie and Gerry Linney, from Sutton, are without a car following the incident in Littleport.

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Natalie has launched an online fundraising page to try and raise £1,000 to help buy her mum a replacement car.

She said: "Dad is totally dependent on mum who is his 24/7 carer.

"She has sacrificed so much and is determined to look after dad at home for as long as possible.

"Their car is their lifeline. It is vital for dad's appointments and since the break-in, they have hardly been out the house, it's devastating.

"Mum is an amazing person. She is struggling with things but puts on a brave face.

"Money is tight and we just want to try and raise as much as possible to help her buy a replacement second hand car."

If you can help the Linney family, visit gofundme.com/2jq53w3g.

POETRY

Fenland Poet Laureate finalists are...

THE finalists of this year's Fenland Poet Laureate Awards have been announced.

The annual competition, now in its fifth year, gives local poets a chance to write a poem for Fenland and compete for the prestigious title of Fenland Poet Laureate.

More than 100 people entered this year and the shortlisted poets in the adult category (aged 18 and over) are: William Alderson, Pen Avey, Kathryn Aybak, Matt Deacon, Gudrun Filipska, Mary Livingstone, Pascale Palmer, Leah Spencer, Marina Yedigaroff and Rosemary Westwell.

The finalists in the young people category (aged 10-17) are: Reuben Cartwright, Aida Kahn-Blunden, Tashi Marley, Jenna Petchell, Olivia Pugh, Natasha Richardson, Jack Robb, Toby Rolfe, Beatrice Winder and Felicity Wright.

The finalists will perform at the awards ceremony, which is at March Town Hall on Friday, April 8.

The winners in both categories will receive trophies, and the adult winner will have the opportunity to work with local organisations, write poems for regional events and help to raise the profile of creative writing throughout the Fens.

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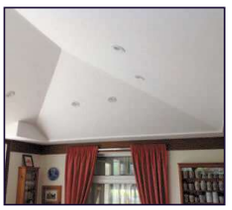

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CRIME

Conman took over £87,000

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A MAN who lived an "extravagant lifestyle" on the tens of thousands of pounds he defrauded from local businesses has been jailed.

Andrew Chatters, 39, of Main Street, Witchford, conned victims by various means including fraudulently obtaining and using a credit card, persuading victims to invest large sums of money and signing credit agreements.

In total he took £87,948.54 from his victims – of which more than £20,000 was from just one.

Chatters was found guilty of 13 charges of fraud by false representation and one charge of theft and was sentenced to two years in prison at Huntingdon Crown Court last Friday.

The sentence will be added to a three-year sentence which he is currently serving for cheating the public revenue contrary to common law for £69,076.

JAILED: Conman Andrew Chatters

Detective Constable Paul Atkinson, who investigated, said: "Andrew Chatters believed he had a right to sign finance agreements, trade accounts and cheques in other people's names, claiming that the person had given him authority to do so.

"He had no boundaries to who he would commit fraud against and enjoyed an extravagant lifestyle on other people's money.

"He would befriend many of his victims with his money-making schemes which included building a stable in Newmarket."

Among the businesses which Chatters defrauded were Tattersalls in Newmarket, Horse Requisites in Newmarket, Alan's Ark in Soham, The Cadogen Hotel in Newmarket, Jewsons in Ely, Travis Perkins in Ely, Newmarket Plant Hire, Global Self-drive in Peterborough and V12 Finance.

DC Atkinson said: "I would like to thank all involved in these cases for their persistence and patience in getting this complex fraud investigation to court."

MAKING A POINT: Kate Allen spent four hours in the crate to raise awareness.

Kate cages herself for Open Doors

AN Ely woman shut herself in a dog crate to highlight the issue of people being persecuted because of their faith.

Kate Allen spent four hours in the crate with just a Bible to keep her occupied. She wanted to raise awareness but also raise money for Open Doors, which provides support for persecuted Christians worldwide.

Kate, who has raised more than £500, said: "People who are being persecuted due to their faith is something that has been close to my heart for many years."

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ON THE MOVE: Ryan Scott puts the pupils through their paces. **PICTURES:** Richard Patterson

Athletes put pupils through their paces

INTERNATIONAL athletes Tosin Oke and Ryan Scott put energetic youngsters through their paces in Ely.

Triple-jumper Tosin, an Olympian and Commonwealth Games Gold and Silver medallist, and Ryan, a sprinter who is a Commonwealth Games Gold medallist, visited Spring Meadow Infant and Nursery School for its annual Team Superschools Challenge.

Over 400 pupils took part in lively workouts with the duo and had their pictures taken with them. Tosin also took along his medals to show the children and demonstrated his triple-jump technique across the school hall.

TRANSPORT

Would you pay for Zipper bus?

JORDAN **DAY**
@JordanDayCN

USERS of a popular bus service in the Ely area are being asked if they would be willing to pay to use it one day a week.

Cambridgeshire County Council says the Ely Zipper service is safe for 2016 – but local county and district councillors Bill Hunt and Anna Bailey say they want to protect the service for years to come.

The service was launched in November 2014 – at a time when many local bus services were axed or scaled back due to council cuts – after years of campaigning by Cllrs Hunt and Bailey.

The service links Haddenham, Wilburton, Stretham, Little Thetford and Witcham with Ely railway station and Ely's Market Street – and it runs every hour.

Cllr Hunt says he, Cllr Bailey and Toby Parsons, who is transport policy manager at Cambridgeshire County Council, are looking at ways in which money could be generated.

Cllr Hunt believes a good way to generate funds would be for regular passengers to pay for their journey on one day a week.

Cllr Hunt said: "We are looking at ways that extra funds can be directed towards the Zipper to give it a rosy future.

"One of Toby's ideas is to extend the mid-afternoon timetable break and use the bus to transport school pupils home at the end of their day.

"Another of Toby's ideas is to consider tweaking the timetable to tie in better with train arrivals at Ely station.

"Many of the Zipper's passengers have a free bus pass and I suggest that regular passengers (if they can afford to) could volunteer to pay for their journeys on one trip per week.

"Having a 'pay day' once a week would be a big help and allows those who wish to contribute to make a difference."

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FUNDRAISING

Michelle's 200km dog sled raises over £4,000

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ON THE SNOW: Michelle spent six days guiding Huskies 200km through forests and mountains.

A FITNESS instructor has raised more than £4,000 for charity by completing a gruelling dog sled in Sweden.

Michelle Bird, 35, spent six days trekking 200km through the snow-covered forests and mountains surrounding the River Torne.

The adventure saw Michelle, from Sutton, guiding her own team of Huskies and travelling around 30 to 45km each day.

Michelle, who runs her own company called Bodymode, decided to take on the challenge to not only put her stamina to the test, but also to raise funds for the British Heart Foundation (BHF).

She said: "It was tough but wow, what an amazing experience, and I'd recommend it to anyone.

"The hardest thing was the cold – it got down to minus 12 degrees and it was much colder at night. Because I was standing still on the sled a lot of the time, the cold really hit me quickly so I was doing things like squats and arm raises as I was going along to get my blood flowing.

"The dogs were amazing. They're so powerful and can work up to 12 hours each day, with little rest – they're unbelievable.

"We carried all our food and possessions with us at all times and I managed to fall off the sled on two occasions. The scenery was breathtaking so it was difficult to fully focus on the route at times."

Speaking about why she chose to raise funds for the BHF, Michelle said: "Their research has helped my family through illness in the past.

"My grandmother suffered many heart attacks and had to have a triple bypass operation in her 60s after losing my grandad. Through brilliant medical care, she survived and lived on for another 16 years.

"I've raised over £4,300 so far and would like to thank everyone for their amazing generosity."

To donate, visit justgiving.com/MichelleAlexandraBird.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Calling all dog owners!

A FUN dog show is being held at Little Downham Village Hall on Sunday, March 20.

The show starts at 1pm and entries for both pedigree and non-pedigree dogs are being taken from 12.30pm.

Class entries are £2 each or £1 for any extra class for the same dog.

Proceeds from refreshments will go to Dogs for the Disabled. Call Charlotte on (01353) 699355.

College pupils go wild

SOHAM Village College pupils were able to get up close to snakes and scorpions.

The visit was organised by the Geography department and included lizards, tarantulas and meerkats.

Get help with funding

LOCAL arts organisations can get funding advice in Ely next week.

An event called 'Money Bootcamp: fundraising in the arts' is being held at The Maltings on Saturday, March 19.

The event is designed to help arts organisations refine their ideas and develop funding bids, as well as create new contacts and share ideas. It is running from 9.45am-4.30pm and tickets range from £10 to £20.

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COMMUNITY

‘Half of all the HGVs recorded were speeding’

JORDAN **DAY**
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MORE than 190 HGVs travelled through three Cambridgeshire villages in just four hours – and over half of the drivers were speeding.

As part of its ‘Commitment to Safer Roads’ initiative, Mick George Ltd has sponsored Community Road Watch in three villages – Haddenham, Earith and Colne – to monitor HGV movements.

The firm says the results so far have been “staggering, if not a serious cause for concern”.

In total, four one-hour sessions saw 192 commercial vehicles pass through the villages – with over 51 per cent of them over the speed limit.

The firm says that of those speeding, an average 36 mph

was recorded, with some as high as 53mph.

Mick George has enforced a voluntary speed limit of 20mph for his firm’s fleet through high risk areas. They are also hoping to extend the campaign into more villages.

Joe Gossage, transport manager at Mick George, said: “Businesses have a responsibility to ensure the safety of local communities.

“It was pleasing to see that the figures revealed Mick George complied with the legal speed restrictions, showing that a number of initiatives, including the substantial investment we have made in brand new GPS tracking within the vehicles, is making a difference.”

Mick George’s firm has fitted trackers to its lorries to encourage drivers to find alternative routes to avoid villages.

Cambridgeshire County Council has produced a covenant which it is asking all of the county’s hauliers to sign – backed by the Joint Parishes Heavy Commercial Vehicle Group, which represents several villages.

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Panto-goers in Ely raise over £1,000

CHARITIES and local primary schools have been given a boost thanks to pantomime-goers in Ely.

KD Theatre Productions, the company which staged the sell-out Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at The Maltings over the Christmas period, held bucket collections at each show.

This year, the collections raised over £1,000 and the money has been split between the Ely Mayor Fund, which is recruiting and raising awareness about local volunteers, and the charity, Global Makes Some Noise.

Local primary schools who went to the panto have also received money to help cover their transport costs.

FROM LEFT: Daniel Bell, from KD Theatre, Kelly Blades, from Global Makes Some Noise, Ely’s Mayor Lis Every, and Katherine Hickmott, from KD Theatre. PICTURE:Richard Patterson

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A new volunteer training course is starting in April. Call (01223) 416141 or visit cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk to find out more.

Dan now supporting people across globe

ELY-based anxiety expert Dan Regan has launched a new international support service.

He says the service is already helping people as far afield as Australia and America. Visit abolishanxiety.com.

Breakfast roadshow

BREAKFAST will be the theme of a roadshow at Ely Tesco next week.

The 'A Better Breakfast' team will be at the store, in Angel Drove, on Friday, March 18 offering free breakfast samples to shoppers, advice on healthy eating and there will be the chance to enter a competition to win a breakfast box.

The event is running from 10am-6pm. Visit abetterbreakfast.co.uk for more details.

AUCTION

Fancy buying yourself a WW2 Spitfire replica?

JORDAN **DAY**
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AVIATION enthusiasts could land themselves a piece of history when rare aircraft engines which date from the Second World War go under the hammer.

The sale, taking place at the Cheffins Machinery Saleground in Sutton, even includes a full size replica Spitfire.

The aircraft, which has a fully instrumented cockpit and stands on an undercarriage, has a guide price of £10,000 and comes on a trailer ready to assemble at shows.

Another highlight is an unused Packard Merlin 28 V12 engine, understood to have originated from Canada that could be sold for as much as £30,000.

The collection also includes a boxed set of props from a Second World War Avro Shackleton bomber, with a guide price of £1,000 to £2,000.

There are also demonstration Rolls-Royce Griffon engines that were used in Spitfires and the Shackleton, Rolls Royce Merlin engines, used in Spitfires and Lancaster Bombers, and Alvis Leonides radial engines, used in a variety of aircraft such as Percival Prince and Westland helicopters.

HUGE COLLECTION: The aviation collection owned by the late Bill Richards, pictured, is being sold on March 19.

The 250-piece collection originally belonged to aviation enthusiast Bill Richards, from Bolton, who passed away in March last year.

Cheffins auctioneer Jerry Curzon said: "Mr Richards had a lifelong passion for period aircraft – in particular Spitfires.

"Initially he started his collection with just engines and – with the help of his family – would take them along to various shows and fire them up.

"We feel very privileged to have been chosen by Mr Richards' family to sell his collection. We're sure that it will fire the enthusiasm of collectors and restorers alike."

The Bill Richards Collection will be sold on Saturday, March 19 from 10.30am. For more information, visit cheffins.co.uk/vintage.

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COMMUNITY

Local volunteers shine bright at council event

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THANKFUL: Ely's Mayor, Lis Every, centre, with the volunteers who received certificates.

VOLUNTEERS who dedicate their time to supporting events and facilities in Ely have been rewarded for their efforts.

The City of Ely Council held an event at The Maltings last week to thank its army of volunteers for their continued support.

Ely's Mayor, Lis Every, handed out certificates to more than 40 volunteers, who help with things such as putting up and taking down Ely's Christmas lights and running Ely in Bloom.

Cllr Every said: "We have over 40 volunteers who work hard all year round to support Ely with its Christmas lights, Ely in Bloom, CCTV, allotments, the City Centre Forum and other functions.

"We also work in close partnership with Ely Perspective and our volunteers include engineers from the Mildenhall airbase who help us put up our Christmas lights.

"The certificate which we give to our American volunteers are placed by them in their community portfolios. It is part of their local service to the community which is much valued by their commanding officers, as well as by us. The council could not function without these volunteers. They give up their time to provide Ely with a better environment in which to live."

Cllr Every, who has been mayor for two years running, has also been supported by a youth community ambassador, Lucy Newstead, who lives in the city and is a student at Hills Road Sixth Form in Cambridge.

Cllr Every said: "Lucy is just finishing her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award and has been working with me over the two years attending functions, working on events and helping generally where she can in between her college work and part-time work. She is off to university in September and has been a really positive role model for her young peers during her time with the council."

TRANSPORT

Station gets top marks in recent study

ELY railway station achieved top marks in a recent mystery shopping exercise.

Abellio Greater Anglia's rail stations were assessed between January 10 and February 6 as part of a regular mystery shopping exercise to check that stations are meeting the standards that customers expect of them.

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It also takes into account relevant timetables and posters on display, local bus and taxi information available, as well as clearly displayed opening times, no smoking signs and maps.

Abellio Greater Anglia's customer service director, Andrew Goodrum, said: "I am delighted to see that Ely has achieved the top score for the information provided to customers.

"Our teams are working hard to provide excellent customer service at all times and good information provision at stations is a key element of this."

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Ely

■ Blood donor session at The Maltings on Thursday from 12.50-3.30pm and 4.30-7.15pm. Call 0300 123 2323.

■ Fenland Pike: Fishing the Fens is the title of this week's Fenland History on Friday talk at Ely Methodist Church at 10.30am. Denis Moule is hosting it. Call (01353) 648106.

■ Charity fashion show in aid of the NSPCC at M&Co on Friday. It starts at 6.30pm and tickets, which are available from the store, are £5.

■ Emma Woodfield, from the British Antarctic Survey, hosting Ely Astronomy Club's talk on Friday. Entitled 'Planetary Space Weather: radiation belts of the solar system', it is at Ely Museum's Vernon Cross Room at 7.30pm.

■ Children invited to join Ely Wildlife Watch group's 'Signs of Spring' event on Saturday. Families should meet at the fishermen's car park at 2pm. Recommended donation of 50p per child. Call (01353) 610224.

■ Sale of antiques, fine art, collectables etc at Rowley's on Saturday at 10am. Viewing takes place on Friday from 9am-7pm and Saturday from 9-10am. Call (01353) 653020.

■ Ely City WI meeting at the Old Dispensary on Monday, March 14 at 7.30pm. New members welcome. Call (01353) 663787.

■ Tina Barsby, chief executive of the National Institute of Agricultural Botany, hosting Ely Cathedral Business Group's Fourth Monday meeting on Monday, March 14. The event is at the Royal Standard pub at 6.30pm. Non-members welcome.

■ Money bootcamp event for local arts organisations at The Maltings on Saturday, March 19 from 9.45am-4.30pm. Tickets range in price from £10 to £20. Call (01353) 616991.

■ City of Ely Conservative Group's annual dinner at Ely Golf Club on Saturday, March 19 at 7.30pm. Tickets £30, which includes a three-course meal. All welcome. Call (01353) 658710.

Littleport

■ Texas Hold Em poker tournament at Littleport Leisure Centre on Friday at 7.30pm. On Saturday, there is a prize bingo night. Doors open at 6.30pm. Call (01353) 860600.

■ Nearly new sale at Littleport Village Hall on Saturday from 10am-12pm. Baby and children's items for sale. Entry 50p for adults and free for children.

Little Thetford

■ Dinosaur and fossil fun for families at St George's Church this weekend. On Friday, there is a presentation by palaeontologist Ashley Pease at 7.30pm. On Saturday, there is an exhibition of fossils from 9.30am-5pm and from 2-4pm there is a children's discover and make session. On Sunday, the exhibition of fossils exhibition runs from 10.30am-5pm. Entry to all events is free.

Soham

■ Moira Neville is hosting a floral art demonstration at St Andrew's Primary School on Saturday at 2pm. Tickets £5. Call (01353) 722765.

■ Jumble sale at the Comrades Club on Saturday from 10am-12pm. Admission 20p.

■ Charity race night at Soham Town Rangers Football Club on Saturday, March 19 from 7.30-11pm. Soham Staploe Rotary Club is organising the event to support the work of one of their Rotarians and his wife in aiding a poor Kenyan village. Tickets £8.50 each. Call (01353) 722020.

Witcham

■ Online fashion brand, Boden, holding a party at Witcham Village Hall on Thursday, March 17.

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SAS Sharks bring prizes home

RIGHT MOVES: The SAS Sharks team were crowned Grand Champions at the ICC Eastern competition.

LOCAL cheerleaders are on a high after wowing judges at their first ever regional competition.

A team from the SAS Sharks allstar cheerleading academy not only came first in the senior hip hop division at the ICC Eastern contest, held in Peterborough, but they also won the title of 'Grand Champions', after they achieved the highest score out of all the dance teams which competed in every division. The team was made up of Sara Ford, Lucy Boyce, Stacie Shipp, Beth Rouse, Emma Howes and Tasmin Colman.

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Identify 'notspots'

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By linking up with leading technology testers, the project aims to show where mobile phone signals, Wi-Fi and broadband access are poor – then encourage providers to take action to improve them.

All people have to do is:

1. Download the 'OpenSignal' App from Google Play/App Store and get involved in identifying where there is limited network coverage,

2. Make use of free Wi-Fi in public buildings and open spaces in Cambridgeshire by selecting 'CambWifi' and 'the_cloud' Wi-Fi networks on your device,

3. Run an independent broadband speed test for your household or small business broadband at thinkbroadband.com/CambsNotspotter.

A spokesman for the campaign said: "The anonymised data will provide an initial evidence base showing the actual mobile, public access Wi-Fi and fixed broadband performance experienced by users in the area.

"This will be used to make informed decisions on future network provision to encourage coverage and capacity improvements by mobile carriers and other providers which will mean in the future we will all be able to enjoy good internet access wherever we are."

To find out more, visit cambridgeahead.co.uk/CambsNotspotter.

EU DEBATE: The panellists in Ely Cathedral. From left: John Shropshire, Stuart Agnew (MEP), Mike Watson (Chair), William Martin, George Freeman (Minister for Life Sciences), John May, Nick Clarke

Hundreds attend EU debate

STAYING in the EU got the majority vote at the Ely Cathedral Business Group spring debate.

Around 500 people attended the 'European Union In or Out?' debate, chaired by Michael Watson, on Thursday evening. Speaking for 'Vote In' were MP George Freeman, Minister for Life Sciences, John Shropshire, chairman of G's Fresh, and William Martin, chairman of NFU Sugar Board; and for 'Vote Out' were Stuart Agnew MEP, Nick Clarke UKIP candidate for Cambridgeshire's Police and Crime Commissioner, and John May, East of England chairman of Business for Britain.

The result was measured by two ballots amongst the audience. The results before the debate were: 53 per cent for in, 24 per cent for out and 23 per cent undecided. The results afterwards were: 67 per cent in, 24 per cent out and 9 per cent undecided.

Rebecca scoops funding

AN entrepreneur from Soham has won £500 to help her business grow.

Rebecca Manning is one of four entrepreneurs who have won funding in the Entrepreneurial Barnet Competition, organised by Middlesex University, Barnet Council and Barnet and Southgate College.

The Middlesex University postgraduate students and recent alumni category was collected by Rebecca for her Community Interest Company (CIC), Happy To Be, which aims to improve mental health for people who question their gender identity.

Rebecca intends to spend the prize on website and social media promotion.

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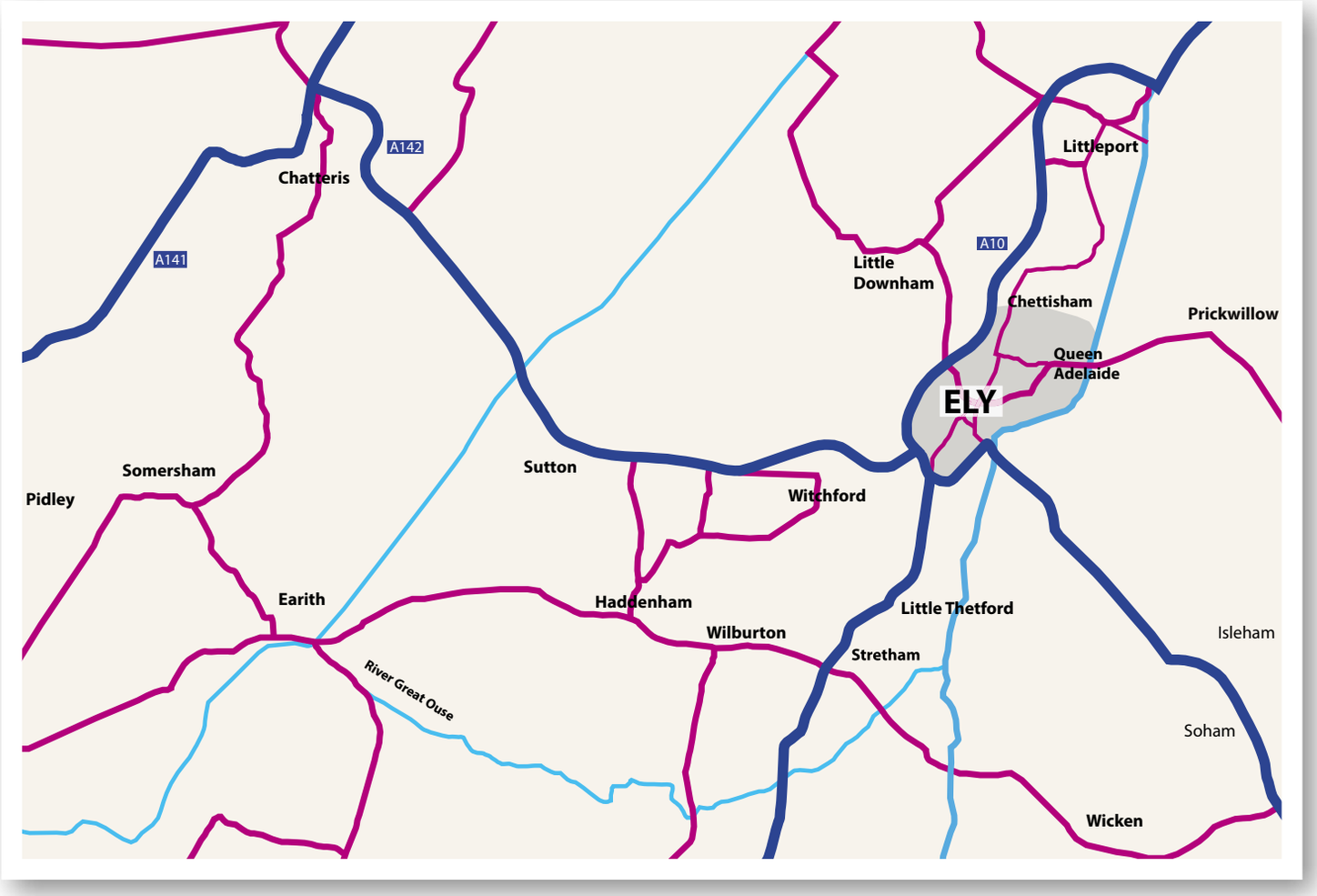

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Cover property

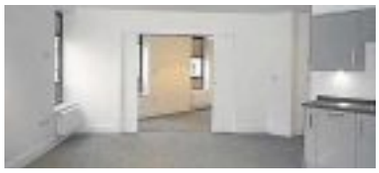
Soham: £329,950

THIS four bedroom detached house in Gimbert Road, Soham, is on the market for £329,950.
It has a living room with French doors to the garden, a kitchen/diner and a downstairs cloakroom.
Upstairs there is a master bedroom with en suite shower room, three more bedrooms and a family bathroom.
Outside there is an open-plan front garden, a driveway with parking for two vehicles, a detached garage and an enclosed back garden with lawn and a recently-laid granite patio.
For more information contact Let 365 Sales on (01353) 720532.

Feature homes

Ely: £780pcm to £880pcm

THESE two new two bedroom apartments in the centre of Ely are available to rent with price guidelines of £780-£880pcm.
They have kitchens with integrated appliances and two bedrooms, and are available immediately.
Viewing is by prior arrangement with Keeleys on (01353) 663036



Spring has sprung for sellers

SPRING is a time for new beginnings, and particularly for those wanting to move home, according to local estate agency William H Brown in Ely. The team at the branch is currently gearing up for the usual flurry of buyers looking for a new home as the weather gets warmer, and is urging local home owners to beat the spring rush and get their homes on the market now.

Traditionally, William H Brown sees a significant uplift in market activity over the spring period, with parent company Sequence UK recording a 13 per cent rise in customers registering their interest for properties over the past few years:

"This is one of the best times of the year to sell a property," said Scott Stewart, branch manager at the Ely branch. "We always have a burst of activity when spring kicks in so I recommend that anyone looking to sell this year takes advantage of this and gets their property on the market in good time for the rush."

As the sun comes out and flowers start to bloom, spring is also advantageous from the seller's perspective. "Spring flowers and sunshine can help make your property look so much more appealing and will give an enhanced marketing experience" said Scott. "Longer days also allow for more viewings in daylight hours so potential buyers get a much better first impression of your home."

For more information on the local property market or if you would like to book a free market appraisal, contact your local William H Brown branch on (01353) 663311 or email *ely@sequencehome.co.uk*.

Feature homes

Stuntney: £600,000

ONCE two cottages, dating back to the 1880s, this large detached and extended family home with four bedrooms in The Rise, Soham Road, Stuntney, is now on the market with an asking price of £600,000.

It has period features and large rooms combined with modern decor, and accommodation including an entrance porch with WC, a dining room, a large family room with log burner and bi-folding doors to the garden, a sitting room, a kitchen/breakfast room and a conservatory.

Upstairs there is a master bedroom with en suite and Juliet balcony, a family bathroom and three more double bedrooms.

Outside there is a rear garden with lawn and decking area, and a summerhouse with power, lighting and plumbing, while to the front of the property is a large gravelled drive and a front garden.

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Wentworth £800,000

A highly individual detached contemporary home with many superb features. The property is ideally suited to those with an equestrian interest, having 5 separate post and rail paddocks, stables, turn-out areas and an all-weather arena. Plot of approximately 5 acres (sts). Finished to a high specification, viewing of this very special home is recommended to be fully appreciated. EPR D.

NEW

Ely £650,000

A superbly presented detached family home situated in a highly desirable, non estate city centre location within walking distance to city amenities with entrance hallway, cloakroom, kitchen, utility room, dining room, lounge, conservatory, study, 4 bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom, double garage, paved driveway and attractive south facing rear garden. EPR TBC.

Open Morning Saturday 12th March - Call for Details

Ely £425,000

Immaculately presented, spacious 3-storey end terrace home in a most highly regarded small development overlooking a green area to the front, situated close to the City Centre offering easy access to the railway station, supermarkets, river & park. Entrance hall, cloakroom, superb kitchen/dining/living room, first floor lounge, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), family bathroom, enclosed rear garden & garage. EPR C.

NEW

Coveney £410,000

A deceptively spacious detached family home situated in a semi rural location just 5 miles to Ely with far reaching countryside views. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance hallway, cloakroom, kitchen, utility room, 17' x 16' dining room, 18' x 16' lounge, 4 double bedrooms (1 ensuite) and family bathroom, together with front and rear gardens and off road parking. EPR TBC.

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Ely £395,000

A rare opportunity to purchase an individual detached home on a superb plot of approximately 1/4 of an acre (sts), located on a highly regarded lane allowing easy access to the City Centre. Entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, modern bathroom, driveway and delightful lawned gardens. The property has the benefit of replacement upvc double glazing. EPR E.

Wicken £375,000

A deceptively spacious detached chalet bungalow in the heart of this popular village with planning permission to extend to a 5 bedroom detached home (ref 15/00906/FUL). Entrance hall, lounge, study, ground floor shower room, kitchen / breakfast room, conservatory, ground floor bedroom, 2 first floor double bedrooms, large frontage, driveway & attractive south facing rear gardens. EPR TBC.

Little Downham £335,000

A spacious detached home situated within a non estate location and providing excellent family living accommodation. Entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge / dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, family room, study, 4 bedrooms, modern bathroom, driveway and enclosed rear garden. Offered for sale with no upward chain. EPR C.

Littleport £269,950

An immaculately presented regency style end terrace townhouse offering versatile accommodation. Includes entrance hall, cloakroom, family room, superb refitted kitchen/dining room, utility, spacious first floor sitting room, 5 double bedrooms (1 ensuite), family bathroom, low maintenance south facing garden and 2 parking spaces. EPR C.

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Barway — Offers In Excess Of £150,000

An existing building with permission to convert to a residential dwelling situated in a mature hamlet setting, approximately 5 miles from the cathedral city of Ely.

Sutton — £185,000

A character semi detached cottage situated in a popular part of this established village. Accommodation briefly comprises, kitchen, rear lobby / utility, lounge, bathroom, 2 bedrooms, garden and parking. Viewing is highly recommended. EPR D.

Ely — £189,950

A modern, well presented, coach house style apartment situated within a popular development just off Witchford Road. Comprises entrance hall with stairs up to landing, open plan lounge/dining/kitchen, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, parking and garage. Viewing recommended. EPR C.

Soham — £189,950

A charming end terrace cottage with superb open views to front & rear, comprehensively refurbished by the current owners and comprises entrance hall, dining room opening into lounge, refitted kitchen opening into conservatory, rear lobby, cloakroom, bathroom, 3 first floor bedrooms and good sized rear garden measuring approx 60' in length. Attractive location. EPR E.

Haddenham — £220,000

An agricultural building with permission under the Town & Country Planning General Permitted Development Order of 2015 for change of use to a residential dwelling.

Littleport — £229,950

A well presented and spacious modern terraced home within a popular development and comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, south facing rear garden, driveway and garage. The property has the benefit of gas central heating and upvc double glazing and is offered for sale with no upward chain. EPR B.

Witchford — £230,000

A charming Victorian semi detached cottage In the heart of this popular village within walking distance of local amenities and just 2 miles to Ely. Entrance hall, lounge, dining room, open plan kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, cloakroom, 2 double bedrooms, family bathroom, off road parking and attractive south facing rear garden. EPR TBC.

Ely — £245,000

Situated in a central city location well located for access to the mainline railway station and many city amenities, this modern end of terrace home has accommodation which includes lounge/dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, garden and parking. The property also benefits from gas central heating and replacement double glazing. EPR D.

Soham — £249,950

A spacious semi detached property with accommodation comprising entrance hallway, cloakroom, dining room, kitchen, rear lobby, lounge, 3 double bedrooms and family bathroom, together with a spacious driveway, single garage, front and rear gardens. No upward chain. EPR D.

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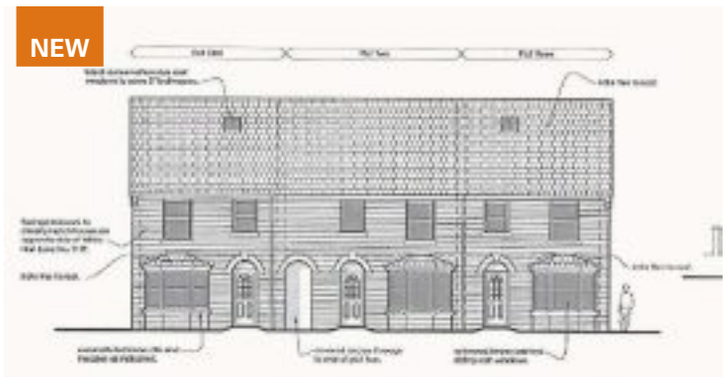
Stretham £250,000

A well presented spacious semi detached property situated in this popular village within walking distance of the local primary school. Entrance hall, lounge, conservatory, kitchen, rear lobby, ground floor shower room and utility room, 3 double bedrooms and family bathroom, large frontage providing ample off road vehicular parking and rear garden. EPR E.

Ely £270,000

A well presented modern property situated in a highly regarded residential development, offered with the benefit of no upward chain. Accommodation comprises entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, open plan kitchen/dining room, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite) and family bathroom, together with garden, driveway and garage. EPR TBC.



Soham £330,000

A development site situated in the centre of this popular Fenland Town with planning permission for the construction of 3 townhouses complete with off road parking and gardens.

Witcham Gravel £260,000

A detached house (circa 2001) situated in a rural location adjacent to the New Bedford River. Ideally located for those seeking a rural living, accommodation briefly comprises entrance hallway, kitchen / dining room, lounge, study, utility room, 3 bedrooms (master with ensuite), family bathroom, gardens. EPR D.

Wicken £495,000

Superbly presented detached modern home in a secluded highly desirable location. Hall, shower room, dining room, 25' lounge, kitchen, utility, 4 double bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, off road parking & attractive rear garden. Viewing essential to fully appreciate the high specification throughout and countryside views. EPR C.

Wicken £785,000

A Grade II listed detached home set in open countryside within a plot of approx. 1 acre with an established wildlife reserve nearby providing an impressive setting. Hall, kitchen/breakfast room, open plan sitting/dining room area, family room, drawing room, utility room, ground floor shower room, 3 double bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, triple garage, annexe/bedroom 4 with bathroom. EPR NR.

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Ely £650 pcm

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Ely £650 pcm

Spacious two bedroom ground floor flat with garden to front. EPC: C

Ely £700 pcm

Two bedroom mid-terrace house with garden, garage & parking. EPC: E

Ely £700 pcm

Well presented 1st floor flat located in the City Centre close to local amenities. Band: E

Ely £850 pcm

Mid terraced newly decorated three bedroom house located in the centre of Ely. EPC: E

Ely £900 pcm

Two/three bedroom bungalow situated close to the City centre. Property has parking and garden. EPC: TBC

Ely £1,250 pcm

Four bedroom detached house with an enclosed garden, garage & driveway. EPC: D

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FOR SALE

Hodson Close, Soham £239,950

Modern Semi-Detached House Tucked Away In A Small Close In The Heart Of Soham. Ideal investment With Sitting Tenant Or Available Vacant. 4 Bedrooms, 3 Bathrooms, Cloakroom, Kitchen With Fitted Appliances, Living Room, Good Size Lobby, Enclosed Rear Garden, Parking. Viewings 9am-9pm 7 Days A Week.

FOR SALE

Thorn Close, Soham £285,000

Detached Bungalow. This Property Is Tucked Away at the end Of the Cul-de-Sac. Internally there Are 3 Good size Bedroom With The Option Of Bedroom 4/Study. Family Bathroom, Cloakroom, Kitchen, Dining Area, Living Area, Enclosed Rear Garden, Driveway Parking For 4 vehicles and Garage.

FOR SALE

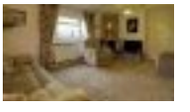
Nightall Road, Soham £227,950

Semi Detached Bungalow With 2 Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Kitchen Diner, Living Room, enclosed Garden With Detached single Garage. Located In A Very Desirable Road of Similar Properties. Viewings 9am-9pm 7 Days A Week

FOR SALE

Julius Martin Lane, Soham £294,950

2 Double Bedrooms, Modern Family Bathroom With Separate Shower, Bright And Spacious Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Room, Option To Make A Large Kitchen Diner With The Relevant Consent(s), Conservatory, Enclosed Garden, Driveway And Integral Garage. Viewings 9am-9pm 7 Days A Week.



SOLD

East Fen Common, Soham £269.950

Detached Home On The Common Occupying A Plot With No Immediate Neighbours. 3 Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Living Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Sun Room, Garage, Off Road Parking, Enclosed Garden. Great Location With Scope To Extent STP. Viewings 9am-9pm 7 Days A Week

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Soham £225,000

Mid terraced house on popular development comprising Lounge, dining room, kitchen, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, ensuite shower room and family bathroom. Gas central heating. Low maintenance garden. Allocated parking space. EPC rating B.

Soham £395,000

Spacious detached property situated in one of Sohams premier locations.Situated close to the High Street and Village College. Master bedroom with ensuite, three further bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen/breakfast room, utility,two reception rooms. Double garage. EPC rating D. NO ONWARD CHAIN.

Soham £249,950

We are pleased to offer for sale this extremely well presented detached house situated in a popular residential area in the town of Soham. The accommodation comprises hallway, lounge/diner, kitchen, three bedrooms and a bathroom.Garage and additional off road parking. Viewing is strongly recommended. EPC rating D.

Soham £235,000

A four bedroom semi detached townhouse.The accommodation in brief comprises, entrance hall, down stairs cloak room, lounge, kitchen breakfast room, master bedroom with en suite, three further bedrooms, family bathroom, rear garden, garage and additional parking space. EPC Rating: B.

Soham £295,000

Five bedroom detached town house close to centre of town and St Andrews School. The property comprises of open plan lounge/kitchen/diner, family room, cloakroom, five bedrooms, two en-suite, family shower room, enclosed rear garden, gas heating. Single garage. EPC rating C.

Soham Guide Price £280,000

A brand new three bedroom detached house situated in a quiet cul de sac location within the market town of Soham close to local schools and amenities. The accommodation in brief comprises, entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen / breakfast room, first floor landing, three bedrooms and a family bathroom. EPC rating tbc .

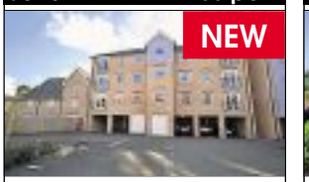
Soham £1,150 pcm

No fees to USAF Refurbished house comprising Lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility, cloakroom, three bedrooms, bathroom. Gas heating. Garage. EPC rating C. Available immediately. Sorry No pets. Tenant fees apply.

Soham £1,150 pcm

Spacious semi detached house comprising hall, WC, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge/diner, Master bedroom with Juliet balcony and ensuite shower room, two further bedrooms and family bathroom. Gas central heating. CAT5 cabling throughout. Enclosed rear garden. Gated driveway and garage. EPC rating: C. Sorry no pets. Tenant fees apply.

Soham £700 pcm



Well presented second floor flat in popular development comprising Lounge, kitchen, bathroom, two bedrooms. Gas heating. Car port. EPC rating C. Available immediately. Tenant fees apply.

Soham £99,995

A two bedroom first floor apartment forming part of this popular over 55's development. The accommodation in brief comprises, entrance hall with stairs to first floor landing, two bedrooms, lounge, kitchen and bathroom, allocated parking space. EPC rating D. No Onward Chain.

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HADDENHAM

A well presented, extended and renovated period detached home offering spacious accommodation throughout with delightful mature plot.

3 bedrooms, master with en suite shower room, family bathroom, split level landing, entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, drawing room, kitchen/breakfast room, conservatory, cloakroom, utility, double garage, workshop and gardens. EPC rating: F

£695,000

HADDENHAM

An immaculately presented and extended 1850's detached family home offering spacious accommodation throughout and delightful mature plot.

4 bedrooms, family bathroom, entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, conservatory, kitchen, utility, family room, shower room, garage, off street parking and gardens. EPC rating: E

£530,000

WICKEN

A beautiful four bedroom detached cottage full of character, set in mature gardens with double garage.

4 bedrooms, master with en-suite, family bathroom, entrance hall, lounge, dining room, study, family room, kitchen, cloakroom, double garage, driveway and surrounding mature gardens. EPC rating: E

£509,950

LITTLE THETFORD

A detached bungalow offering superb accommodation throughout set on a delightful mature plot with good sized driveway and over looking the village Church.

4 bedrooms, master with en-suite, family bathroom, cloakroom, entrance hall, study, sitting/dining room, sun room, kitchen, utility, double garage, gardens, off street parking and oil central heating. EPC rating: D

£450,000

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LITTLE DOWNHAM

A well presented four bedroom detached family home offering good sized accommodation throughout with Cathedral views to the front, located in a non estate position.

4 bedrooms, family bathroom, shower room, reception hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, utility, cloakroom, garage, off-street parking and gardens. EPC rating: E

£399,950

WITCHAM

An extended detached family home with accommodation over two floors offering flexible family living with delightful secluded plot, situated in a sought after non estate location.

4 bedrooms, reception hall, lounge, dining room, conservatory, study, family bathroom, separate cloakroom, kitchen, utility room, gas fueled heating, double glazing, double garage, ample off road parking and gardens. EPC rating: D

£350,000

LITTLEPORT

An immaculately presented and updated detached family home offering good sized accommodation throughout located in a non estate position with private plot.

3 generous bedrooms, master and bedroom 2 with en-suite shower rooms, bedroom 3 with additional dressing room/study, family bathroom, landing, reception hall, sitting room, conservatory, dining room, kitchen, utility, cloakroom, garage, gardens and off street parking. EPC rating: C

£335,000

STRETHAM

A three bedroom detached bungalow, situated in a non estate location in the highly popular village of Stretham.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, dining room, lounge, utility room, cloakroom, garage, parking and rear garden. EPC rating: E

£335,000

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HADDENHAM

A well presented and extended double fronted three bedroom semi detached home located within this popular cul-de-sac offering spacious accommodation.

3 bedrooms, master with en-suite, family bathroom, landing, entrance hall, sitting room, dining room, kitchen, Upvc conservatory, cloakroom, garage, off street parking, garage and backing onto fields. EPC rating: E

£299,950

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A well presented spacious three/four bedroom townhouse on the popular Cathedral view development.

3/4 bedrooms, two bathrooms, kitchen/dining room, living room, cloakroom, entrance hall and rear garden. EPC rating: C

£289,950

MEPAL

£335,000

A well presented four bedroom detached family home, situated in a non estate location in the village of Mepal.

4 bedrooms, master with en suite, family bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room and cloakroom. EPC rating: C

WITCHAM

£264,950

A two bedroom semi-detached bungalow with garage and off street parking.

2 bedrooms, 2 en suites, kitchen/diner, lounge, entrance hall, cloakroom, front, side and rear garden and no upward chain. EPC rating: C

HADDENHAM

£190,000

A modern three bedroom semi detached bungalow in need of general updating located within this popular cul-de-sac.

3 bedrooms, sitting/dining room, kitchen, shower room, entrance hall, inner hallway, games room, store room, gardens, off street parking, double glazed and economy 7 heating. EPC rating: D

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Ely — 289,950

- Modern townhouse
- 4 bedrooms
- En-suite to master
- Fitted kitchen
- Lounge dining room
- Garage and parking
- Private rear garden
- EPC Rating C

Sutton — £215,000

- Established end terrace home
- Kitchen b'fast room
- Lounge dining room
- Conservatory
- 3 bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Hard landscaped garden
- EPC Rating D

Lt Downham — o.i.r.o. £385,000

- Detached family home
- Versatile accommodation
- Non estate location
- 3 first floor bedrooms
- ground'f bedroom with en-suite
- Re-fitted kitchen & utility
- Large lounge/diner & study
- EPC Rating C

Welney — Guide Price £389,995

- One of a pair new homes
- Centre of village location
- 3 reception rooms
- Fitted kitchen & utulity
- 4 double bedrooms
- Detached double garage
- Predicted EPC rating C

Aldreth — £315,000

- Modern detached house
- Non-estate location
- 4 good size bedrooms
- En-suite & family bathroom
- Fitted kitchen/diner
- Lounge
- Entrance hall/playroom
- EPC Rating C

Witchford — £490,000

- Smartly presented home
- Small cul-de-sac location
- Well appointed kitchen
- Lounge, family room & study
- 4 bedrooms
- En-suite and family bathroom
- Double garage
- EPC Rating D

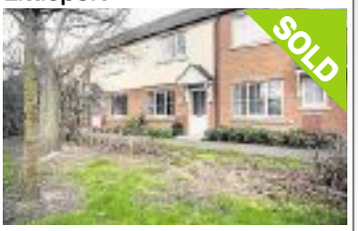
Sutton — £365,000

- Modern and individual house
- Cul de sac location
- Kitchen and utility
- Lounge and dining room
- 4 bedrooms
- En-suite to master
- Garage and garden
- EPC Rating C

Witchford — £325,000

- Modern detached house
- Cul-de-sac location
- Kitchen dining room
- Lounge and study
- 3 bedrooms
- En-suite to master
- Garage and garden
- EPC Rating D

Littleport



- Ideal first purchase
- Modern terraced home
- 2 double bedrooms
- Kitchen diner
- Lounge
- Smartly presented
- Allocated parking
- EPC Rating C

Haddenham — o.i.r.o. £450,000

- Established house
- Cul-de-sac location
- 4 bedrooms
- 2 en-suites
- 3 reception rooms
- Kitchen and utility
- Mature garden
- Double garage
- EPC Rating D

Fordham — Guide Price £249,950

- Established semi bungalow
- 2 bedrooms
- Lounge/dining room
- Fitted kitchen
- Garden room
- Mature rear garden with
- summer house, studio & shed
- EPC Rating C

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£285,000 to £295,000

My sellers purchased this property as they wanted to be closer to Ely, but still keen on the village life and with three double bedrooms - that was just perfect for them. The downstairs space was also very important to them and by removing the internal wall between the kitchen and dining room, they've created a lovely open plan space that the family refer to as 'the central hub of their home'. Could this be your next family home? REF 10019

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Ely

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Our price includes

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- Spend an unforgettable day in the floral paradise of Funchal, Madeira
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- Tromsø, home to Norway's 'Arctic Cathedral' and Polar museum
- Discover Viking capital Trondheim
- Clear nights bring chances to view the Aurora Borealis
- Call in Åndalsnes on Romsdalfjord
- Bergen, 'Gateway to the Fjords'
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"With our many years' of experience, we take pride in providing both an exceptional service and value for money."

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SUSIE, 45, mature student, easygoing, happy, socialble, intelligent, looking for someone to share time with, possible leading to LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 421255**

SUE, 38yrs, passionate, broadminded and feisty seeks discreet fun with 'Mr Wrong'. **Tel: 0906 515 3032 Box 413007**

PASSIONATE honest slim blue eyed blonde, 39yrs, likes nights in/out, looking for affectionate male, any age to spend adult fun times. Interested? Call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 412173**

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JANE, young 41, very broadminded seeks chap any age for discreet no strings fun, any age, no time wasters ACA. **Tel: No: 0906 515 3008 Box: 409715**

KATHERINE, 37, new to area and very lonely, seeking male who loves to live life to the full for mutual companionship, TLC and more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 421237**

LUCY first time advertiser, 32yrs, tall slim blonde airline worker, seeks discreet gent, any status for casual fling. Looks/age unimportant. **Tel: 0906 515 3024 Box: 420237**

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MARGARET 39, dark hair/eyed attractive petite divorcee, new to area and looking to start a new life, WLTM child friendly male, single dad welcome. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 421129**

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I'M Chloe, 33yrs old, sensual blonde lady with fabulous figure, workaholic, seeking new circle of men for casual fun. Looks/age/status unimportant must be fun and openminded. **Tel: 0906 515 3040 Box 420261**

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JASMINE, musical lady, husband in the forces and bored alone. 35yrs but loves older men. ACA. **Text only Box: 4161836**

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KAREN, blue eyed blonde, size 14 with a large bust, 46yrs. Give me a call for some discreet chats. **Text only Box: 4053061**

SUSAN, 48, genuine loving lady seeking similar male, I'm very solvent, well travelled, have my OHAC and am looking to spoil Mr. Right. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 420319**

SALLY ANN, care worker for the elderly so loves older men. Im only 29yrs but very mature. **Text only Box: 4145714**

JANE pretty brunette, large build, loves to cook up a treat, seeking kind male who wants to be spoilt rotten, for love in return. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 420681**

JO, 42, newly divorced, new to dating, perfect size 10, OHAC, solvent, looking for some fun times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 420559**

NICOLA, 30yr old petite blonde, blue eyes, attractive, bubbly, OHAC, looking for nice guy for fun times and more. Can accommodate. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 419617**

JESSIE looking to share some good times? Look no further, attractive single mum 38yrs, seeking discreet male for fun maybe more. Call me. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 420611**

LUCY, just looking to enjoy life, can you help? Seeks fun and good times in or out, nothing heavy just no strings meets. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 418835**

TASHA 35yr attractive slim but curvy in the right areas black female, seeking white male for fun times in or out, 35-60yrs. No time wasters pls. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 419349**

LIVELY attractive female 46, looks 26, enjoys meals out travel countryside walks, WLTM male 39-49 n/s for genuine relationship. **Text only to mailbox: 4172542**

FEMALE, 37, new to area, would like to meet nice trustworthy man, for friendship hopefully more. **Text only to mailbox: 5392585**

LOUISE, 43, attractive curvy size 12, independent, OHAC, career, many hobbies, looking for similarly interesting male for companionship hopefully progressing to more. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 420785**

AMY single mum of one, 19yrs, attractive, slim and tall, seeks nice guy for cosy nights in together. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 419835**

SUE, 49, blonde blue eyed slim but curvy attractive female, likes a good movie with nice bottle of wine, WLTM likeminded genuine male. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 420753**

CHRIS, 67, brunette, cuddly, WLTM caring, kind gentleman, for days out, meals out, walks etc and for just being together. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 420667**

AMY single mum of one, 19yrs, attractive, slim and tall, seeks nice guy for cosy nights in together. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 419835**

KAREN 37yr old female who enjoys cosy nights in, WLTM tactile male who is not afraid of some romance, holding hands and sharing cuddles, 35-58yrs. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 420725**

MONICA 38yr old bubbly likeable non judgemental female looking for someone similar who is sincere to fall in love with. Any age/race/looks. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 420711**

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AMANDA, 36, tall, slim, busty brunette seeks man, any age, any area, for discreet daytime fun. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 418117**

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male seeking

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JOE young at heart 71, slim, active, caring, young at heart, easygoing, likes gardening, DIY, bowling, holidays, seeks female. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 381475**

GENUINE 72yr old male, 5ft 4ins, medium build, friendly, easygoing, likes gardening, travel, DIY, bowling, GSOH, seeking female. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 400055**

COME travel with me, genuine male 72yrs, 5ft 4ins, medium build, easygoing, GSOH likes gardening, travel, DIY, bowling, seeks nice lady with similar interests. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 406473**

VERY kind and considerate male, 51, enjoys cinema, eating out, live concerts and travel WLTM loving lady for LTR, with similar interests, N/S, 39-54. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 421203**

KALU 26 years old single dark/black good looking man looking for a good looking women for sexy fun. **Text only to mailbox: 5383533**

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MALE, 71, fit, smart, seeks Cambs, Suffolk, Norfolk lady, for days in and out, fun times, friendship and maybe more. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 420929**

VERY kind male, 50, enjoys cinema, eating out, live concerts and travel, WLTM attractive, loving lady, 38-53, n/s, with similar interests for LTR. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 420639**

MATURE married man seeking discreet fun, good looking, very genuine, any race/age. **Text only to mailbox: 4255490**

STEVE 58 yrs, 6ft, average build, seeking woman for NSA mutual pleasure, marital status unimportant. **Text only to mailbox: 5400701**

CHRIS, male, 47, single, 5ft 8ins, blue eyes, brown hair, seeks female between 25 and 45 for fun and maybe more. Please get in touch. **Text only mailbox no: 5352046**

SLIM attractive man WLTM caring lady, 40-58, for friendship, reply and claim free hug. **Text only mailbox no: 4172082**

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ATTRACTIVE male 56 seeks dom female 40 to 70 for close adult fun, any status or size. **Text only to mailbox: 4347071**

WIDOWER 67, looking for female, any age/size, looks not important, for some TLC and LTR as been on my own for too long. **Text only to mailbox: 4837120**

MATURE male, 6ft, slim, fit, clean and smart, residing in central Birmingham, seeks slimish female for fun times. **Text only to mailbox: 5383053**

MAN 55yrs, 6ft med build, single, looking for a special lady to share no strings fun and good times Age/status unimportant. **Text only to mailbox: 5381487**

MALE 6ft 2ins, N/S, 54, looking for female for days out and good times. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 405457**

HI my name is Ian, 64, semi-retired, separated with grown up children, I like football, going for walks, music and enjoy a glass of red wine at home, looking for a lady for company maybe more. If you would like to contact me that would be great! **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 419051**

MID 50's male, seeks attractive, black female, any age for relationship. **Tel No: 0906 515 4438 Box No: 384483**

gay seeking

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BLACK male seeking black male aged 25 to 30, for discreet adult fun, maybe more. **Text only to Mailbox: 5409036**

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MALE, 47, fit, active, seeks chubby older man, over 70 years, for fun and friendship. **Text only to mailbox: 5401548**

BI male, single widower, 58, seeks gay male friends near Tamworth. **Text only to Mailbox no: 4355756**

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Evening with Boo

TALENTED local singer/songwriter Boo Hewerdine is performing at The Brook in Soham next Friday, March 18.

Boo's work includes being lead singer and the creative force behind The Bible, formed in the 1980s, and reformed in 1994 – as well as solo recordings and work for film.

He has also produced records by several artists, including a long association with Eddi Reader.

Boo has been described as "one of Britain's most consistently accomplished songwriters".

His concert starts at 8pm and tickets are £12. Call (01353) 721748 or visit brookentertainment.co.uk.

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ROUND UP

● THE Galaxy Big Band are hosting a 1940s charity dance at Prickwillow's Hiam Sports and Social Club on Saturday, March 12.
The event is in aid of Bottisham Airfield Museum, doors open at 7.15pm and tickets are £15. Call Heather on 07876 522934.
On Sunday, March 13 Peter Day is then hosting a tea dance at the club from 2-5pm. Call (01353) 688269.

● ELY Consort are holding a concert at St Mary's Church in Burwell on Saturday, March 12. The concert, called 'If Music be the food of Love', will feature Aldeburgh young musician Olivia Petryszak on the recorder. It starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £10 for adults and free for under 16's.
Visit ticketsource.co.uk/elyconsort. Tickets are also available on the door.

● THE Pittsburgh State University Choir are performing at Ely Cathedral on Tuesday, March 15 at 1.10pm. Admission is free.

● TWO music nights for young people are being held at the Ely Youth Hub on Saturday, March 19.
The first event is a disco for children aged 8-13 at the hub from 5-7pm.
Tickets are £2.50. Visit wegottickets.com and search for 'Youth Hub Disco'.
From 7.30-11pm, there is then a rave for youngsters aged 13-18. Tickets are £4.50. Visit wegottickets.com and search for 'Hub Rave Equinox'. DJ Danny Grimshaw is playing at both events.

● SOUNDS from the 1920s and 30s will be taking over Queen Adelaide Village Hall on Sunday, March 20.
The Band of Hope are performing there at 3pm.
Tickets are £6 in advance or £7.50 on the door.
Visit ticketsource.co.uk/thebandofhope.

BYGONES AND ORGANS

Bygone fun for Magpas

Little Downham Bygone and Organ Extravaganza in aid of Magpas on March 19.
Running from 1-5pm, admission is £2.50, or £2 for concessions.

THE countdown to the annual Bygone and Organ Extravaganza in Little Downham is now on.

This year's event is at the village hall on Saturday, March 19 – and as ever hundreds of families from far and wide are expected to attend.

The event, now in its 24th year, is organised by Trevor and Linda Brown, from Sutton, to raise much-needed funds for the emergency medical charity, Magpas.

They have helped to raise more than £15,000 for the charity to date.

The extravaganza features bygones, vintage tractor displays, classic cars and motorbikes, steam models, as well as more than 20 hand-turn organs.

Linda said: "Visitors come from all over to see the display, which takes them back to a bygone era.

"We've raised funds for Magpas each year as it's a local cause which helps people when they're most in need.

"We're really proud to have raised so much money for them, and we hope visitors will be back this year to continue that success."

■ The event is running from 1-5pm and admission is £2.50, or £2 for children and senior citizens.

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EXHIBITION

Ely Amnesty International Group's 'We Are All Born Free' exhibition at Ely Cathedral. Event is running until March 14 and is open everyday.

EXHIBITION: From left: Sally MacEachern, Shelagh Monteith and Teresa Ely, with some of the illustrations in the exhibition.

We Are All Born Free

AN exhibition of art work by internationally-renowned and award-winning children's illustrators has opened at Ely Cathedral.

Axel Scheffler (*The Gruffalo, Room on the Broom*), Korky Paul (*Winnie the Witch, The Monster Book of Horrible Horrors*), Chris Ridell (*The Edge Chronicles, the Ottoline series*) and Polly Dunbar (*Dog Blue, Fly Away Katie*) are just some of the artists who have contributed to the exhibition, entitled We Are All Born Free.

The exhibition is introducing children and adults to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and is being presented by Ely's Amnesty International Group (joint winners of the 2015 Marsh Christian Trust award for outstanding human rights activism).

Barbara Grafton, a spokeswoman for the group, said: "This exhibition is packed with inspiring and uplifting illustrations from some of the best-loved and most celebrated children's book illustrators in the UK and around the world.

"They explain the basic human values enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights – such as the right to a fair trial or the right to a family life – in a way that is fresh, fun and easy to understand.

'This exhibition is packed with inspiring and uplifting illustrations from some of the best-loved illustrators'

"We are very grateful to Ely Cathedral's chapter for allowing us to put on this exhibition in such a magnificent setting and wish to thank the education team in particular for all their help."

We Are All Born Free is in the Cathedral's South-West Transept until Monday, March 14 and it is open everyday.

Admission is free.

To find out more, visit amnesty.org.uk/events/we-are-all-born-free or elycathedral.org/events/we-are-all-born-free-amnesty-exhibition.

MUSIC

Soprano Tara Bungard to star in Ely Sinfonia's concert

FRENCH classical music is the theme of Ely Sinfonia's concert at Ely Cathedral on Saturday, March 12.

The concert, entitled Symphonie Fantastique, will star Ely-based soprano, Tara Bungard, who will be singing Joseph Canteloube's highly evocative 'Songs from the Auvergne'.

A spokeswoman for Ely Sinfonia said: "Symphonie Fantastique was one of the most extraordinary pieces of its time – perhaps (to quote Leonard Bernstein) the first musical trip into psychedelia.

"It was to bring fame and notoriety to 26-year-old composer, Hector Berlioz, and its colourful, surreal nature still thrills audiences today."

Also featured in the concert will be Saint-Saëns' Danse Macabre.

The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets range in price from £22.50 to £7.50 each.

Call the cathedral box office on (01353) 660349 or visit tickets.elycathedral.org.

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Tickets range in price from £22.50 to £7.50. Call (01353) 660349.

CLOSER TO HOME

● SOHAM'S Viva Youth Theatre group are staging Evita in the town this week.
The production is at The Brook from Tuesday, March 8 through to Saturday, March 12 at 7.30pm each evening, plus there is a 2.30pm Saturday matinee performance.
Tickets are £12. Call (01353) 722228 or visit viva-group.org.uk.

● POPULAR broadcasters Henry Blofeld and Peter Baxter are coming to Soham.
Their new show, Blofeld and Baxter: Rogues on the Road, is at The Brook on Sunday, March 13 as part of its UK tour. The event is at 3pm and tickets are £18.50. Call (01353) 721748.

● JAZZ lovers are invited to the next Wednesday Night Club event in Littleport.
The club is meeting at The Swan on the River each month and the next jazz night is on Wednesday, March 16 at 7.30pm. Call Kathryn on 07904 817941 or search for The Wednesday Night Club – The Swan, Littleport on Facebook.

● ELY Choral Society and Hertfordshire Chamber Orchestra are joining forces for a concert at Ely Cathedral.
The concert on Saturday, March 19 will feature Rossini's Stabat Mater and Schubert's Mass No 3 in B flat.
The soloists for the concert will be Elizabeth Rauch (soprano), Chloe Latchmore (mezzo-soprano), Daniel Joy (tenor) and William Gaunt (bass).
The society will be accompanied by the Hertfordshire Chamber Orchestra and their leader, Stefan Bown.
The organist will be Edmund Aldhouse and the conductor will be Andrew Parnell.
The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets range in price from £25 to £5 for under 18's. Call (01353) 660349 or visit elycathedral.org.

● KING'S Ely Senior's annual Spring Exhibition is being held this month.
The work on display will include everything from fashion to fine art and sculpture to photography.
The private view takes place in the school's senior art department in The Gallery, on Friday, March 11.
The exhibition will then continue until Thursday, March 24 and will be open to the public Monday to Friday from 9am-5pm and Saturday from 9am-12pm. Entry is free.

● FOLK musician Jim Moray is coming to Ely.
Jim, who is renowned for mixing folk with pop and rock, is hosting Ely Folk Club's concert at the Old Dispensary on Wednesday, March 16.
The concert starts at 7.30pm and tickets are £11 on the door or £10 in advance. Call (01353) 740999.

FOOD AND DRINK

Oh Brother! The in-cider story of Abbey's latest tipple

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BEES are the inspiration for a new Cambridgeshire cider – and you're not likely to forget its name in a hurry.

First there was Monk and Disorderly, then there was Virgin on the Ridiculous and Spinney Abbey Farm's latest cider is Nun Beehaving Badly.

The men behind the ciders are friends Jonny Fuller, who owns Spinney Abbey, based in Wicken, and Jonny Watkins, who lives in Soham and works at the farm.

Jonny, who is also a cattle, sheep and pig farmer, said: "Nun Beehaving Badly is sweetened with honey. It is inspired by my late grandfather, Thomas Fuller who died on Christmas Day, 1977.

"He loved bee keeping and used to keep more than 20 hives. I started last year with a couple of hives and now have six.

"I find bees amazing and I am constantly surprised by their intelligence the more I learn about them."

Monk and Disorderly was launched four years ago, and has won numerous awards, including Champion Cider at the annual Norwich Beer Festival.

It is named after a murdered monk believed to haunt the farm. Jonny said: "We press the cider just a stone's throw from the most haunted spot on the farm where the most recent ghost sighting occurred last summer.

"It is also believed that this is the site where the prior was murdered, possibly having his head chopped off by three of his own canons on May 12, 1403."

Jonny, who lives on the farm with his wife, Tamsind Duffety-Fuller, his son, Robert, 2, and his step-daughter, Georgina, 9, hit the headlines in 2013 when he delivered little Robert in the back of his 4x4 in the car park outside Homebase in Newmarket.

He said: "The Fullers have farmed at Spinney since 1892 and recently I took over ownership of the farm becoming the fifth generation. Hopefully 'Homebase Bert' will become the sixth!"

The new cider is being launched at a party at the Five Miles from Anywhere No Hurry Inn, in Upware, on Friday, March 18.

The fun kicks off at 7pm and will include music from local band the Ouse Valley Singles Club.

All three ciders will be on sale at £2.30 a pint for one night only and everyone is invited. Visit the wesbite: *spinneyabbey.co.uk* to find out more.

CHEERS: Farmer Jonny Fuller from Spinney Abbey, Stretham Road, Wicken, has launched a new cider called Nun Beehaving Badly
Pictures: Keith Heppell

'We press the cider just a stone's throw from the most haunted spot on the farm where the most recent ghost sighting occurred last summer'
– cider maker Jonny Fuller

MILITARY

Puzzle box tribute for fallen pilot's daughter

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THE daughter of a pilot who died in a plane crash after taking off from RAF Lakenheath has been given a priceless keepsake thanks to base staff.

Major Taj Sareen died when his F/A-18 Hornet jet crashed in Redmere, near Shippea Hill, on October 21.

Maj Sareen was set to return home to his family in the US following a six month deployment in the Middle East.

He had stopped for a layover at RAF Lakenheath that day where he had bought a puzzle box and had it engraved for his daughter, Jade, from a Turkish bazaar at the Base Exchange.

When staff Romeo Ovelek and Umut Nafile heard about the tragic crash, they believed his daughter's new puzzle box gift would have also been destroyed in the crash.

Romeo said: "We knew that the box had to have been lost with the plane, so we worked with Nick [Senior Master Sgt Nicholas Sinnott] and made it our mission to get his daughter a new puzzle box."

Romeo and Umut worked with Sgt Sinnott to get a new box for Jade, who was just a year old at the time, complete with a new engraving of "Daddy loves you always".

They also put Maj Sareen's dog tags in the puzzle box and a locket containing his photo so his daughter could always remember her father.

Sgt Sinnott, 48th Aerospace Medicine Squadron bioenvironmental engineering flight superintendent, said: "The story that they told me gave me absolute goosebumps.

"Romeo remembered how he [Maj Sareen] and his fellow Marines seemed high-spirited and very friendly, and from their experiences with him it just seemed right to not only honour his family with a new box, but his memory.

"Three things factored in – love, generosity, and just doing the right thing for the American hero that Maj Sareen was to the Marines and Air Force alike."

Umut got the new box, which was made and delivered from Turkey by his father.

They said that while it wasn't a cheap venture, they felt "the gift was one that Sareen's daughter deserved".

Maj Sareen's colleagues from Miramar in California visited RAF Lakenheath in December to acknowledge the airmen who helped in crash recovery and response efforts.

There, Sgt Sinnott shared the story and began the process to get the gift to Jade.

An RAF Lakenheath spokesperson said: "The box Jade received was similar to the one purchased by her father, but it held much more.

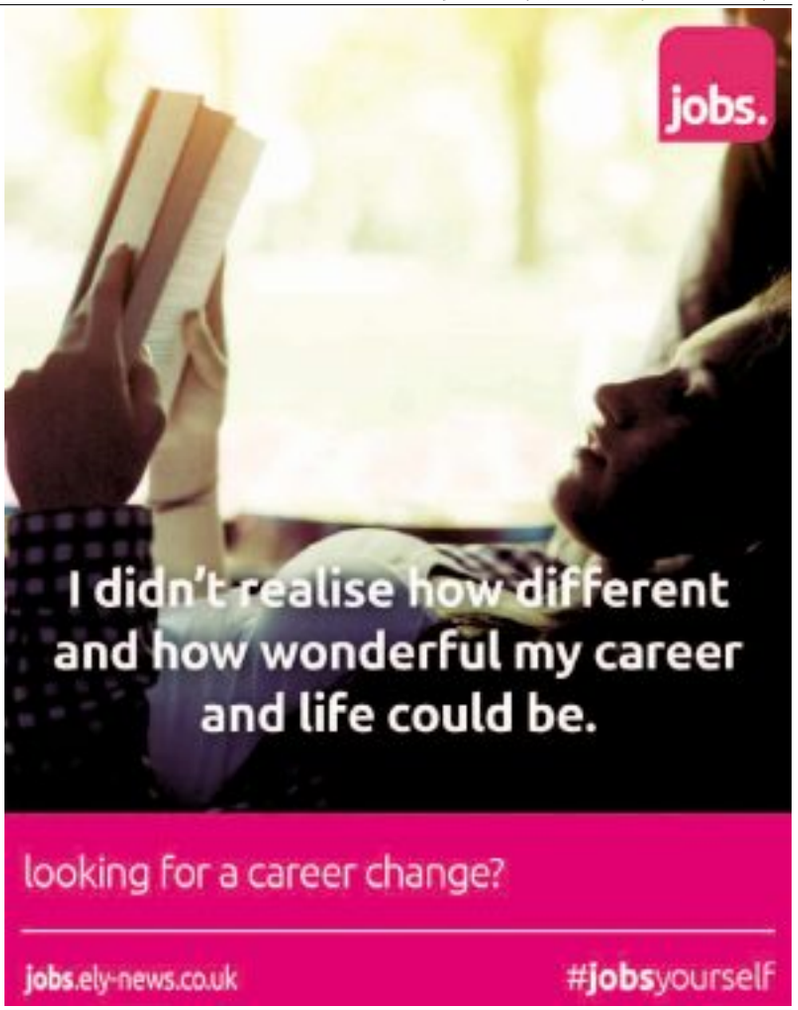
"With help from the Marines, the box held Sareen's dog tags, a locket containing his photograph, and the added engraving, "Daddy loves you always"."

Major Allen Szczepek, from the US Marine Corps, said: "Maj Sareen was a fantastic pilot and a loving father who spoke with his daughter daily on deployment.

"His remarkable personality left an impression on the Turkish puzzle box maker, enough for them to do this grand gesture thanking Sareen's family for his service and sacrifice."

IN MEMORY: Taj Sareen's daughter, Jade, with the puzzle box

LEFT: Major Taj Sareen



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Wheels

B&S delights in power and variety of Peugeot scooters

PEUGEOT'S Kisbee 50, on sale now at Histon-based Buckingham & Stanley, is Europe's best-selling scooter of any capacity for the third year running.

Once again, the Kisbee 50 out-sold its nearest rivals in the charts Yamahas XP500 TMAX and Hondas SH150AD by 22 per cent and 38 per cent respectively.

It was also the third best-selling Powered Two Wheeler in Europe overall, a repeat of its performance in 2014 and 2013. BMWs R1200GS and the Yamaha MT-07 claimed the top two spots.

Figures released by the UK Motorcycle Industry Association show that more commuter sized motorcycles and scooters were sold during 2015 than for any other year since comparative records began in 1983. Peugeot Scooters saw UK sales grow by 38 per cent in 2015, out-performing the booming market for two-wheeled commuter transport.

Powered by a four-stroke motor with a three-chamber exhaust, the Kisbee is capable of 108mpg. Chunky 12-inch wheels with sports profile tyres, telescopic front forks and twin rear shock absorbers give it a sure-footed feel on the road and, weighing just 95kg, its easy to squeeze into the tightest parking spaces. Beneath the seat is a storage compartment big enough to hold a full-face helmet and the Kisbee offers plenty of legroom thanks to its flat floor pan.?

THE METROPOLIS RIDES OUT: Peugeot three-wheeler, right, has lots of appeal for car drivers. Left is the Kisbee
Pictures: NigelMansfieldPhotography.co.uk

Competitively priced for a premium-spec scooter from a major European brand, the Satin Flash Silver Kisbee sells for £1,299. The Sportline version includes a 170mm Shuricane front disc brake, black fork legs, engine cover and alloy rims, plus alloy bar ends and a special edition seat – selling for £1,399. Both models are covered by a 24-month warranty.

Buckingham & Stanley's Peugeot range now includes the three-wheeled Metropolis, which makes it as easy as possible for car drivers who want a scooter to get around town on: the Metropolis needs only a standard driveing licence to ride.

"We are extremely happy to offer such a class leading scooter that is both practical and affordable," says Luke Gordon, the site manager for Buckingham & Stanley's Histon site. "The Kisbee 50cc is ideal for 16 year olds who can't wait until they are 17 to learn how to drive. Once a 16 year old has completed their compulsory basic training they are on the road and have all the freedom they desire at that age!

"On the other hand, we are just as proud to offer the stunning three-wheel Metropolis which offers fantastic levels of comfort and specification. More impressively the Metropolis opens a whole new riding opportunity to the masses as it is able to be ridden on a standard car licence!"

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Wheels

2,080bhp £1.1m Arash AF10 Hybrid

ARASH Farboud has been independently developing his own supercars since 2003, with the launch of his AF10 in 2009.

At this year's Geneva Motor Show Newmarket-based Arash unveiled the new AF10 Hybrid, pictured, boasting a claimed 2,080bhp. Some 900bhp of this comes from an impressive 6.2-litre supercharged V8 engine, with the remaining 1,180bhp supplied by four independent electric engines, each solely operating one wheel to propel this hypercar to 0-60 in under three seconds.

All this comes at a price with a price tag of £1.1m so this 200mph-plus hypercar isn't necessarily available to everyone.

A non-hybrid refreshed version of the 550bhp 7.0-litre V8 AF8 is an acceptable £350,000 for those with a more modest budget.

Other reveals at this year's Geneva Motor Show include the long-awaited Bugatti Chiron: this quad turbo monster offers an explosive 1,479bhp catapulting it to a jaw-dropping 261mph. So, what else does it offer for £1.9m!? Well six catalytic convertors, eight pistons and 1,600 pound of torque!

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The DB11 offers a 0-62mph in 3.9 seconds and will continue to accelerate up to an impressive 200mph. A spokesman said when buying the Vanquish a customer had 72 options to decide on, the DB11 will be much more.

Skoda, Honda, Lexus, Maserati and Toyota were among some of the big names also launching new models. The new options offer the next stage of fuel-efficient and future-styled vehicles at this year's Geneva bash.

Others models to take a look at are the show stopping Jaguar F-Type SVR, the Audi Q2 and the Mclaren 570GT.

With the show starting today, the next 10 days should be filled with tons more stats and unveilings, painting an awesome picture of our automotive future across the globe.

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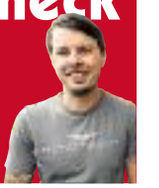

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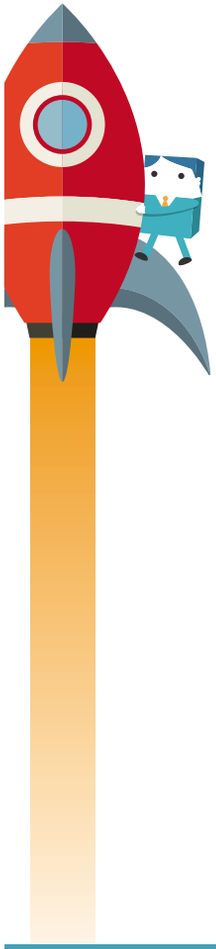

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MARTIAL ARTS

MEDALS GALORE: British Tang Soo Do Institute Master Jeff Cockram with students (from left) William Bucktrout, Billy Tibbett, Daniel Tibbett, Ashanti Antonippilai and Abbie Holdstock, and (below) Daniel Tibbett shows off his medals and Grand Champion cup

Gold medal treble for Tibbett

DANIEL Tibbett was the star performer at the International Tang Soo Do Championships in Brussels.

Representing the British Tang Soo Do Institute, the youngsters acquitted themselves well against quality opposition.

Black belt Tibbett won three gold medals in forms, weapons and sparring, to earn the Grand Champion award, while Billy Tibbett, a red belt, won gold in forms and weapons.

Brown belt Abbie Holdstock won two gold and one silver, while William Bucktrout, a green belt, won gold in both forms and weapons.

Ashanti Antonippilai, an orange belt, won gold and bronze in sparring and forms.

Tang Soo Do is a Korean martial art that involves mental and physical training requiring agility, power, flexibility and awareness of complex body movements.

The British Tang Soo Do Institute is run by Masters Jeff Cockram and Mick Barber.

TABLE TENNIS

Deadly Davies and Ellesmere are denied

RHYS Davies' maximum was in vain for Ellesmere I as they suffered a 6-4 defeat at the hands of Fulbourn I in Ely & District League, Division One.

His efforts were added to by a win for Joanne Pettitt over Peters Zivtins, but that was as good as it got for the losers.

Marc Meunier and Nigel Bates registered two victories apiece for the victors, with Zivtins getting one and then joining up with Meunier to take the doubles against Davies and Rob Boyce.

Ely I are determined to make the most of their games in hand, and they whitewashed Comrades I 10-0 to maintain their good form.

Robin Wallis was the losing team's best performer as he took Christian Mohan to five sets.

Two-man Impington I nearly stole a point from Ellesmere I when both Jeff Catlin and Colin Adams beat Thomas Pizey and Boyce.

However, they went down in a five-set doubles to Boyce and Davies, with the latter having earlier beaten both Catlin and Adams in the singles.

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In Division Two, Brian Mitchell scored a singles maximum for Countess against visitors Elsworth II.

Unfortunately for Countess, Steve Jugg's victory over Colin Fotland was their only other success.

For Elsworth, both Simon Rooks and Richard Smart beat Robin Gammon and Jugg, and then joined forces to beat Mitchell and Jugg in the doubles.

Elsworth II continued their winning ways with a 7-3 victory over Comrades II, with Simon Rooks and Colin Fotland both scoring maximums and Richard Smart beating Janet Nicholls in five sets.

Comrades' three points came from Martin Logan and Alan Chambers, who both beat Smart and then beat Rooks and Fotland in the doubles.

In Division Three, Haddenham II could only field two players when they hosted Ellesmere III.

That disadvantage proved telling in a 7-3 loss, although there were some good performances from Adam Curry and Joshua Curry.

Ellesmere III visited Comrades IV and came away with a 7-3 victory.

Thomas Pizey scored three points, Simon Johnson two and Nathan Johnson one in the singles, before Pizey and Nathan Johnson triumphed in the doubles.

Joseph Holland's success against Bill Knibbs proved crucial as Haddenham I edged past two-man Elsworth III 6-4.

The points for the losing side were gained by Knibbs and Michael Perkins.

This year's Newcam-sponsored Annual Tournament takes place at Burwell Community Centre on Sunday, April 17, with play getting under way at 9am.

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DUATHLON

WINNERS: Victorious competitors at the Monster Racing Duathlon
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Monster displays by Hallam and Layland

MATTHEW Hallam and Rebecca Layland were among the Monster Racing Duathlon winners at Witchford Village College.

In the fifth year of the event, which was sponsored by Revitaflex, more than 100 competitors took part in the 5km run, 25km cycle and 5km run.

Jackpot Racing's Hallam was first in the men's race in 1hr 15min 48sec, ahead of Paradise Tri/Tri Anglia's Marcus Sladdeen, who was second in 1:16.44. UEA Triathlon Club's David Chesterman was third in 1:18.37.

Nice Tri's Layland won the women's race in 1:30.03, with UEA Triathlon Club's Cindy Berry second in 1:32.47. UEA Triathlon Club's Hannah Bye was third in 1:36.38.

"This event always attracts a mixed field, from first timers to pro athletes which creates a great atmosphere and fantastic viewing for the spectators as the top-placed athletes battle it out for the top spots and prizes on offer," said a Monster Racing spokesman.

Age group winners: 16 to 24 – Tom Huband (UEA Triathlon Club) 1:19.41, Holly Prentice (UEA Triathlon Club) 1:49.47; 25 to 34 – Tom Platts (Charnwood AC) 1:18.55, Gemma Irvine (Newmarket Cycling and Triathlon Club) 1:37.37; 35 to 44 – Michael Taylor (Nice Tri) 1:19.41, Charlotte Smith (Thetford AC) 1:36.56; 45 to 54 – Chris Tye (Ipswich Triathlon Club) 1:23.29, Paola Peroni (Tri-Spoke) 1:45.28; Over-55s – Graham Chapman (Ely Tri Club) 1:29.53, Sue George (Threecountiesrc) 2:11.37.

Other results: Kyle Armstrong (Ely Tri Club) 1:23.25, Samantha Collins-Shirley (Ely Runners) 1:48.37, Ross Bailey (Ely Tri Club) 1:49.57, Peter Vasey (Ely Tri Club) 1:52.27, Sandie Jardine (Ely Tri Club) 2:02.03.

KORFBALL

Neaves nets late goal as Lions roar against Vikings

LITTLEPORT Lions emerged 18-16 victors from an intense battle against Ely Vikings II in Cambridgeshire League, Division One.

Vikings started the game well and built an early lead.

However, Lions responded with three straight goals that resulted in the Littleport team taking a 7-6 advantage into half time.

Lions increased their lead to four goals after the break, but Vikings came back to tie the score 15-15.

But with only two minutes remaining, Lindsey Neaves' long shot proved to be a moment worthy of winning any game.

Lions captain Alex Andrews, who top-scored with four goals, said: "I was very proud of the way everyone played, especially in the last critical five minutes."

Other scorers included Neaves (3), Anita Rakauskaite (3), Laura Neaves (2), Dan Clarke (2), Ryan Middleton (2), Sara Neaves (1) and Tom Brennand (1).

YOUTH FOOTBALL

Huckle hits Rovers treble

JOSH Huckle got three goals and Harvey Humble one as Haddenham Rovers under-14s beat Cottenham United 4-0.

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Rugby union

Ely cement position at top of table

ELY maintained their position at the top of the Greene King IPA Eastern Counties One table with a 43-5 win at Swaffham.

The Tigers took some time to settle into the game, with Swaffham forcing the ball wide to get round the hosts' defence only to be stopped on the five-metre line, but a quick pick-and-go saw them get round the blind side for an unconverted try.

Ely began to find their feet and the ball was passed along the line to Mitchell Kennett, and although he was stopped, it was recycled for Ricky Neale to run a superb line to touch down, with Matt McCarthy adding the conversion.

Ely then moved the ball along the line at speed for Joel Scott Paul to dot down in the corner, and while the Tigers had a player in the sin bin, Scott Paul added his second in similar style to the first, finishing off a good backs move and McCarthy landed the conversion.

The Tigers had the bonus point in the first five minutes of the second half as McCarthy took the ball to the line and then darted through, fending off the last defender to touch down.

Ely set up an encampment in the Swaffham 22 and got their next try by going down the blind side for Oliver Jones to put in John Dibb to score in the corner.

Sam Benzie showed some good footwork to step through the opposition defence to touch down, with McCarthy kicking the extras.

And the scoring was completed when Benzie's perfectly-weighted grubber kick stopped dead in the mud for Scott Paul to pick up and place down for his hat-trick, with McCarthy kicking the final conversion.

Injured Goodjohn is out of title fight

Boxing

TYLER Goodjohn has been forced to pull out of his English welterweight title fight after breaking his right hand in training.

The Wentworth boxer had been due to face Johnny Garton for the belt at London's York Hall on March 19.

But after fracturing his hand in sparring, Goodjohn, 24, who won the corresponding title at light-welterweight in 2014, has had to withdraw from the contest.

Steve Whitwell, his trainer at St Ives Boxing Academy, said it was a huge disappointment for Goodjohn, but hoped the title clash with the London puncher could still take place later this year once his hand had healed.

He said: "Tyler is out for however long it takes. He has got it in a cast and the good thing is he hasn't needed an operation on it.

"It just happened in sparring when he was throwing an overhand right.

"He has got a wrist injury and it means he throws some of his shots with the right hand wrongly, in my opinion, because he's trying to protect his wrist and in doing that, his hand went the wrong way.

"Tyler has been a bit upset about it and has said he isn't going to box again, but I know what he's like.

"He's a born fighter and when that cast comes off, I'm sure he'll be fine."

INJURED: Tyler Goodjohn (left) has broken his right hand

Warriors win league title in fine style

Basketball

EAST Cambs Warriors Basketball Club under-16s completed their first season in the Peterborough Basketball League in style, clinching the Division Three title with an unbeaten record.

Matches were played against Huntingdon Hawks and Nene Valley Venom in a central venue format at Stanground Community College, Peterborough.

East Cambs Warriors were too strong for their rivals, winning all of their games by 10 points or more.

VICTORIOUS: The East Cambs Warriors under-16 team

The club, formerly Witchford Warriors, merged with Ely Flames to become the East Cambs Warriors in 2014, and the results have so far been impressive.

Head coach Rob Knapper said: "For us to achieve what we have done in two years is brilliant, not only for the club, but for the young players on the team that represent schools and the community of east Cambs and Fenland."

As well as the under-16s, the club field under-14, under-18 and senior teams.

Training takes place on Tuesdays (under-18 and senior) at Witchford Village College, and on Thursdays (under-14 and under-16) at King's School Sports Hall.

The club are considering starting a girls' or women's team for next season.

Anyone interested in joining any of the teams should visit the club's website at eastcambswarriors.leaguerepublic.com.

Football

Slip-ups are costly in loss for Greens

ROBBIE Nightingale was left to rue missed opportunities as Soham's five-game unbeaten run in the Ryman League, North Division came to an end away to Thamesmead Town.

Theo Fairweather Johnson capitalised on an error to put the hosts ahead against the run of play after 21 minutes.

Soham then had Ross Paterson dismissed for a professional foul on 51 minutes, but they continued to create opportunities with Simon Swinton and George Darling among those going close.

Two Thamesmead goals in the final minutes gave the scoreline a more one-sided look, but Soham joint-manager Nightingale felt it was a much closer game.

"It certainly doesn't reflect the game," said Nightingale.

"Even their bench said afterwards it was a lot closer than that.

"They haven't won the game, we've given it to them."

The match saw Soham hand a debut to goalkeeper Sam McDermid, who has joined on a month-long loan from Cambridge United as cover for George Lawton, who had injured his hand and is expected to be out for several weeks.

The Greens are back in action this Saturday when they host Cray Wanderers.

Meanwhile, **Ely**'s Thurlow Nunn League, First Division game at Needham Market reserves was postponed due to a waterlogged pitch.

The Robins are at home to Stowmarket Town this Saturday.

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